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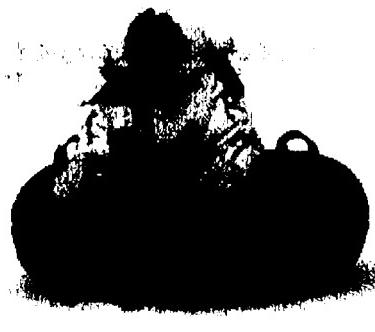
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HOLIDAYS AT HANSON HILLS



Photos by Dan Sanderson
Rachael Pincomb, Ashley Pincomb of Port Huron and Anthony Lucido formed a tubing tandem by holding hands as they went down the tubing run at Hanson Hills on Tuesday. On the left, Brianna Walkins, 7, from North Carolina, enjoyed the day at Hanson Hills on Tuesday while she was in Grayling visiting family for the holidays.

Tiles, cell phones to raise funds for hatchery

The Grayling Fish Hatchery Steering Committee is offering opportunities to spruce up your home or office or discard an unused cell phone to net funds for the fish hatchery building restoration project.

Decorative ceramic tiles are being sold to raise funds to give the hatchery building a facelift. The tiles, which come in green and blue colors, feature a picture of a Grayling and note that the Grayling Fish Hatchery was established in the community in

1914.

The tiles, are being sold for \$15, and are available at the Bloomin' Grape, the Crawford County Equalization Office, The Icehouse Quilt Shop and Northern Concepts.

In addition, the Crawford County Environmental Department is now accepting used and cellular telephones for recycling.

Over 100 million cell phones

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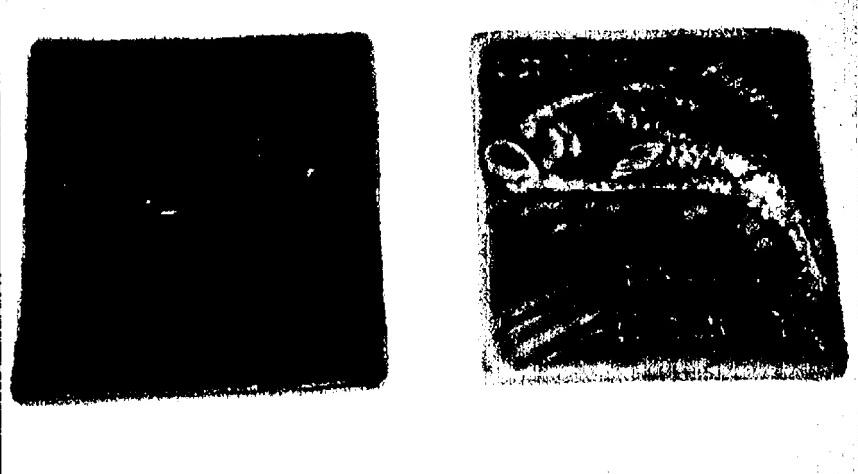


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Hatchery committee halves grant request

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Grayling Fish Hatchery Steering Committee is following the motto less is more when it comes to trying to find funds to restore the fish hatchery building.

The committee is only seeking to apply for between \$400,000 and \$500,000 from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) to replace the roof, replace the exterior siding and establish a small natural history museum in the fish hatchery building instead of \$1.1 million to complete the entire restoration project. Grants and donations will be sought in the future to further restore the second-story of the building and replace mechanical equipment.

"It will take a little longer and it will end up costing more money in the long run, but we feel this is our best opportunity to move forward with it," said Bruce Patrick, the environmental monitor for Crawford County and a fish hatchery steering committee member.

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The reconstruction of this boat house on the AuSable River is being questioned by anglers and Grayling Township Zoning officials.

Boat house reconstruction questioned

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not built in the same location and to the exact specifications and design as the previous boat house. Specifically, a boat well, the place where you store a river boat, is not visible in the new building.

Failure to comply with design plans can result in the construction permit being suspended or revoked.

"I don't see a boat well," said Curt Jansen, a zoning board member while looking at pictures of the boat house. "I see a party hut on the river."

Susan Rundhaug, district representative for the DEQ in Cadillac, said the boat house was moved out into the river because piles had to be shifted to rebuild the structure.

Rundhaug added that co-workers have inspected and measured the boat house and have concluded that there are minor discrepancies. She said she would continue her investigation with an on site investigation.

"In general and in-kind the boat house was rebuilt where it existed before," Rundhaug said.

The Zoning Board plans to address the issue at its January meeting to determine if building officials overstepped their authority by issuing the permit.

"That boat house is not the issue - our jurisdiction over it is the issue," Jansen said.

Carl Hueter, chairman of the Michigan Council of Trout Unlimited, is lobbying the state to address the issue.

Rusty Gates, president of the Anglers of the AuSable and owner of Gates AuSable Lodge, believes the state should exercise

its jurisdiction over the boat house rather than have non-profit groups spend thousands of dollars to intervene in the issue.

"We would like the DEQ to step up and revoke the permit for obvious reasons to have this situation remedied," Gates said.

Wright and Burmeister recently met with DNR officials to discuss issues pertaining to the Natural Rivers Protection Act.

Wright said the DNR would like the township to amend its zoning ordinance to address boat houses, guest houses and bed and breakfasts in order to further protect the river and prevent businesses and dwellings which draw intensive traffic. The zoning update would allow the township to regulate the area located 200 feet from the middle of the river onto the bank of the river.

"The DNR would like us to do it and we ought to do it," Wright said. "They're looking for a compromise."

Township board member Ron Joyce said he feared the township may lose its ability to enforce zoning on the river if continued issues are raised at the state level.

"If we want to loose our ability to enforce the Natural Rivers Protection Act, this is the best shot we can get," Joyce said.

Zoning board member Neal Michal said he believes the township officials did not follow appropriate steps and may subject the township to a lawsuit if the boat house has to be removed.

"We've been sued a couple of times and they've all been knockouts," Michal said.

Reed did not return a call to the Avalanche and would not take questions from a reporter, citing that she had just got home from the hospital.

Michigan revises Emerald Ash Borer quarantine to further prevent spread of pest

Seven new counties added as precaution to help protect state's ash trees

The Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) has amended the state's Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) quarantine, based upon extensive survey efforts and recommendations of the national science advisory panel.

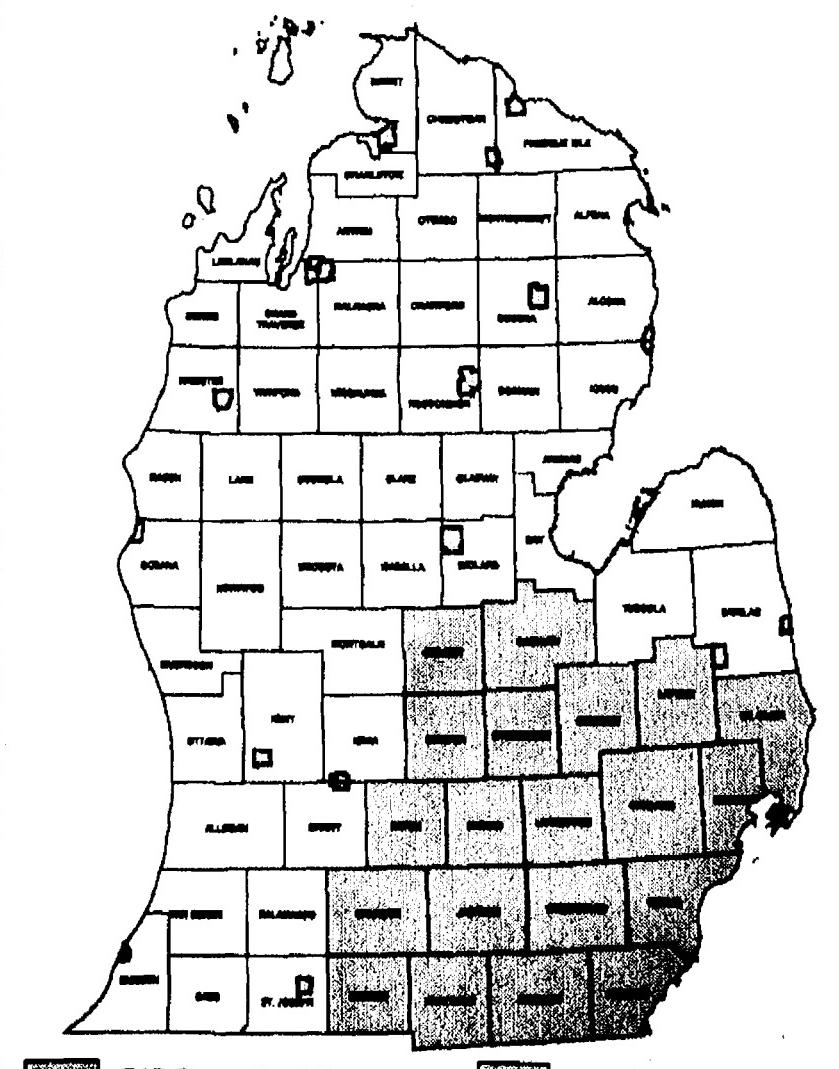
"Effective today, the state added seven new counties as well as including each "outlier" site to the EAB quarantine as part of the overall EAB response strategy," said MDA Director Dan Wyant. "Amending the quarantine demonstrates the aggressive approach Michigan is taking to prevent further spread and minimize the economic/environmental damage this pest can cause."

EAB is an exotic insect native to Asia that attacks ash trees and was previously unknown on the North American continent until its discovery in Michigan in the summer of 2002. The borer has already impacted approximately ten million ash trees in southeast Michigan and continues to damage or destroy others in isolated areas in the Great Lakes state. The state has an active, multi-agency Emerald Ash Borer task force working collectively to detect, contain and respond to EAB in order to minimize its damage.

Today's amendment adds the following seven counties to the EAB quarantine: Branch, Calhoun, Clinton, Eaton, Gratiot, Hillsdale, Saginaw.

Additionally, it now also prohibits the movement of ash materials and firewood in "outlier" sites or isolated pockets of infestation apart from the known generally infested area. The "outlier" infestations are believed to be the result of artificial spread of the insect (movement of infested ash

Emerald Ash Borer Quarantined Counties and Outliers



material). Eradication efforts are currently underway in "outlier" sites to eliminate the beetle. For a detailed description of the locations and boundaries of the "outliers," please visit the MDA web site at [HYPERLINK](http://www.michigan.gov/mda) <http://www.michigan.gov/mda> and click on "Emerald Ash Borer" in the spotlight section.

"This is a vital step to help halt the artificial spread of EAB and will aid in the battle against the beetle," said Wyant. "A key component to our overall success, is the support and cooperation of every Michigan resident and tourist by not moving firewood."

MDA has revised the Emerald Ash Borer quarantine. Under the

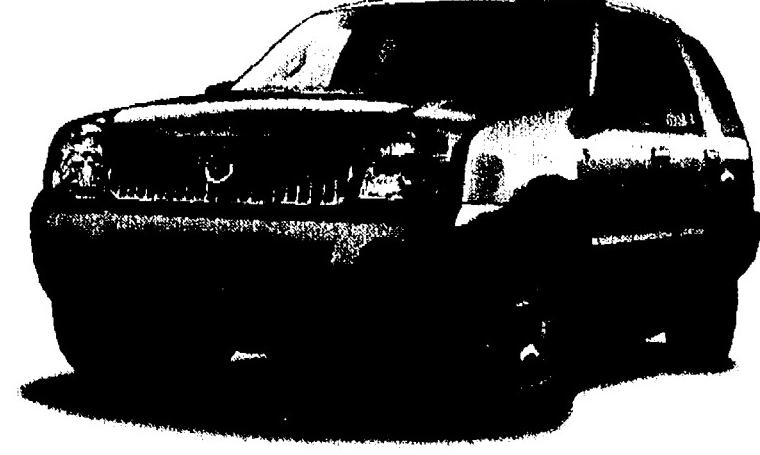
quarantine, it is illegal to move ash trees, branches, untreated lumber, deciduous firewood and any other materials from these areas unless chipped to one inch or smaller. Additionally, the movement of all ash nursery stock is prohibited within, into, and from the entire Lower Peninsula.

For more information about EAB or Michigan's response efforts, visit the MDA web site at www.michigan.gov/mda and click on "Emerald Ash Borer" in the spotlight section; or visit [HYPERLINK](http://www.emeraldashborer.info) www.emeraldashborer.info. You can also call the MDA Pesticide and Plant Pest Management Division at 517/373-1087 or contact your regional MDA office.

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OPERATION STUFF IT!



Photo courtesy of Grayling Middle School

Grayling Middle School's student council and 106 KHQ recently sponsored "Operation Stuff It!" - a holiday gift program. The student council chose to stuff a duffel bag for an infant. Alyssa Lewis spearheaded the program after listening to 106 KHQ and its plea for help for those who need it. Laura Boylan (right), Emily Wilson (left), and Lewis (not pictured) coordinated the efforts for this project.

Pratt found guilty in armed robbery case

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A Grayling woman was found guilty of robbing a Frederic gas station last year.

A jury found Kelly Jo Pratt, 30, guilty of armed robbery following about four hours of deliberation on December 15 after hearing three days of testimony.

Pratt and her boyfriend, Daniel Latesky Jr., were charged on February 10, 2004 for robbing the BP Gas Station in Frederic during early morning hours on

December 14, 2003.

Pratt wore a ski mask, pointed a gun at the store clerk and made off with just over \$70.

Latesky told Detective Sgt. Tim Lenhard of the Houghton Lake post of the Michigan State Police that he was the gunman and would take the rap for the crime because he was confident he would be reunited with Pratt after he served a prison sentence.

Pratt and her boyfriend, Daniel Latesky Jr., were charged on February 10, 2004 for robbing the BP Gas Station in Frederic during early morning hours on

during the robbery conflicted with items admitted into evidence at Pratt's trial as well as the details of the robbery given by the store clerk.

A Grayling Police officer pulled Pratt and Latesky over on Jan. 22. Latesky fled on foot but Pratt stayed in the car and gave police information about crimes the couple had allegedly committed. Officers found a plastic toy gun and a mask in the car. The couple was arrested after submitting to polygraph tests.

Latesky pleaded guilty to armed robbery and was sentenced on March 8, 2004 to serve 80 to 180 months. He is incarcerated at the Muskegon Correctional Facility.

Chief 46th Circuit Trial Court Judge Alton T. Davis will sentence Pratt at 9 a.m. on February 7, 2005. She faces up to life or any number of years in prison.

Hatchery committee halves grant request

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The committee changed its strategy for applying for grant funds upon advice from officials from the Northeast Michigan Council of Government, a non-profit organization which works on grant projects on behalf of municipalities, in hopes of furthering the chances to receive MEDC grant funds. The hatchery committee has raised over \$120,000 in pledged funds for a local grant match from government municipalities, service clubs, businesses and individual donors.

"They like to see substantial matching funds from the community," Patrick said. The committee has informed the donors about the grant request change and all are on board in hopes of saving the historic community building.

"In each case, they understand our dilemma and want to go forward with it," Patrick said.

Charlie Fick, owner of Fick and Sons, has made a substantial donation to the project and is hoping an army of volunteers will contribute their time and skills to complete the restoration work.

"We want to continue to do our share to see that the project flies," Fick said. "Any time you can draw tourists into the community and give them something to do, they stay that much longer."

The Fish Hatchery Committee completed a project to restore the fish hatchery grounds through a \$464,000 Department of Natural Resources grant earlier this year.

The grant is being submitted by the City of Grayling since MEDC funds earmarked for public infrastructure projects are only being made available to cities under the grant guidelines.

Ed Parks, a retired civil engineer who has worked on several

Grayling building projects, is assisting the hatchery committee with the restoration project.

In 1914, Grayling lumber baron Rasmus Hanson purchased land on the AuSable River, collected donations from friends and local fishermen and established the private hatchery where they hoped to raise grayling from eggs and release them into the wild.

Hanson and his friends failed to save the native fish, whose habitat was destroyed by floating logs down the river to local lumber mills, but their work with brook and brown trout succeeded.

Grayling residents banded together in the early 1980s and received permission from the state to open the hatchery after it had been closed for several years.

Thousands of school groups, tourists and residents visit the hatchery every summer.

Tiles, cell phones to raise funds for hatchery

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will be retired or discarded in the United States this year, adding tons of potentially hazardous materials to our landfills. That number will only increase, as the communication devices become more popular and older models become obsolete.

Recycling cell phones keeps unwanted plastics out of our landfills and helps conserve priceless non-renewable resources.

You may drop off your used of obsolete cellular telephones at Signals and Sounds at 220 Michigan Avenue or the Crawford County Environmental Office located at the County Court House Building. Officials, however, are not accepting cell phone accessories, chargers and cases.

All proceeds will help fund the Grayling Fish Hatchery Restoration Project.

If you have any questions, contact the Crawford County Environmental Office at 344-3258.

Corrections

In a story which ran in the December 16, 2004 Avalanche regarding a public hearing for large retail stores in the City of Grayling, the name of the Kerry and Hanson Flooring Mill was misspelled.

The Avalanche apologizes for the error.

The second runner-up in the 2005 Miss Grayling pageant was Jenny Ringle.

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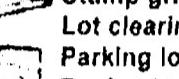
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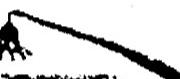
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ISSUES AND OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

'Auld Lang Syne' evokes resolutions

IT'S TIME FOR "Auld Lang Syne" again, which means it's also time for resolutions and renewal for the New Year 2005.

In an effort to be helpful, here's a holiday recipe that everyone should resolve to use frequently during the coming New Year:

"Take four cups of love... two cups of loyalty... three cups of understanding and forgiveness... one cup of friendship and another cup of kindness... five spoons of hope... two spoons of tenderness... four quarts of faith... one barrel of laughter."

"Take love and loyalty, mix thoroughly with faith."

"Blend with tenderness and kindness."

"Stir with understanding, forgiveness and friendship."

"Sprinkle abundantly with laughter."

"Bake with sunshine and hope."

"Serve daily, with generous helpings."

If each of us would try this recipe once in a while during 2005, this would be a much better world... and more fun to live in it.

I don't remember where I first found this recipe for happiness and a good life, but wisdom can be found anywhere. If it's good advice, follow it.

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MORE RESOLUTIONS - Another good set of resolutions I read on a placemat at a forgotten restaurant several years ago. I recommend the ideas to Almanack readers, but not the restaurant.

Take time to work - it is the price of success.

Take time to think - it is the source of power.

Take time to play - it is the secret of perpetual youth.

Take time to read - it is the fountain of wisdom.

Take time to worship - it is the highest way to reverence.

Take time to be friendly - it is the road to happiness.

Take time to laugh - it is the music of the soul.

Take time to dream - it is hitching your wagon to a star.

Take time to live.

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THERE'S MORE - At the risk of overkill, here's another set of possible resolutions for 2005, offered for your consideration.

These "Ten Commandments of Human Relations" came from a newsletter sent by a small city chamber of commerce to its hometown newspaper many years ago. I don't know the chamber's source, but these are still excellent suggestions.

1. Speak to people. There is nothing as nice as a cheerful word of greeting.

2. Smile at people. It takes 72 muscles to frown, only 14 to smile.

3. Call people by name. The sweetest music to anyone's ears is the sound of his/her own name.

4. Be friendly and helpful. If you want friends, you must be a friend.

5. Be cordial. Speak and act as if everything you do is a joy to you.

6. Be genuinely interested in people. You can like almost everybody, if you try.

7. Be generous with praise, cautious with criticism.

8. Be considerate with the feelings of others. There usually are three sides to any controversy - your side, the other person's, and the right side.

9. Be eager to lend a helping hand. Often it is appreciated more than you know.

10. Maintain a good sense of humor, a huge dose of patience, and a dash of

humility. This combination will open many doors and the rewards will be enormous.

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THAT'S ENOUGH sweetness and light for one sitting, but it seems to me there are enough positive suggestions in the above items to last a full year.

If you are one of those procrastinators who have not yet developed your new year's resolutions for 2005, please feel free to adopt any - or all - of the suggestions listed above as your own resolutions. There's no extra charge.

To all of you, a prosperous and Happy New Year, from the Almanack.

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Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

Get involved so Lake Margrethe doesn't become a private lake

To the editor:

I am writing to inform the community of an issue that is starting to raise its ugly head.

That issue is, that certain persons around Lake Margrethe who want and would like the lake to become a private lake are stirring up trouble between neighbors. They are trying to change long established principals of use of the lake by many generations of people. They try to bring in court cases from other lakes, which legally have nothing to do with Lake Margrethe.

So don't believe them when they bring them up. This includes the "Jacob ruling." The Jacobs opinion affected Higgins Lake not Lake Margrethe. They are trying to limit joint owners of waterfront property from enjoying their full riparian rights. Right now they are going after residents of Clough Drive. They

are doing this in the winter when they think most people are away. They are trying to portray it as a zoning violation. If that doesn't work, they will try other means. Keep your eye on them.

These people are also trying to get elected to the board of the Lake Margrethe Property Owners Association and change the direction of the organization to limit use of the lake as much as possible.

I will not print their names, but will provide them if called.

Neighbors, please get involved and join, go to the meetings, and help keep the lake available to as many people as possible.

You can contact myself at (586) 243-2292.

Timothy Gignac
Royal Oak

WASHINGTON NOTES

By Carl Levin, U.S. Senator (D-Michigan)

Fair competition for government contracts

Competition in the marketplace stands as one of the cornerstones of our economy. Free and fair enterprise means that businesses compete with one another to build the best product at the best price so that the consumer will choose their product over those of their competitors.

This tenet of our economic system has been turned on its head by a government-run business known as Federal Prison Industries (FPI). FPI employs people in federal prisons and manufactures a variety of products, including furniture. Until now, FPI has also enjoyed an exemption from the requirement to compete for federal contracts.

In fact, FPI's rules went so far as to prohibit federal agencies from conducting market research to determine whether private industry could offer better products at better prices. As a result, many federal agencies have been forced to purchase products that cost more and perform less well than products that are available to the rest of us in the commercial

marketplace.

Furniture manufacturers in western Michigan are among the businesses that have been hurt by FPI's monopoly on federal contracts.

This system has been unfair to the private sector businesses and is an unwise use of taxpayer dollars.

This FPI monopoly is finally coming to an end.

Three years ago, we made a first step by ending the FPI monopoly over Department of Defense (DOD) contracts, when Congress passed legislation I proposed permitting private companies to compete against Federal Prison Industries for Pentagon contracts.

This year, the legislation ending the FPI monopoly over DOD contracts has been extended to other federal agencies. The new law, included in the spending bill passed by Congress last month, will ensure that private businesses have the opportunity to compete fairly for government contracts. Senator Richard Shelby

of Alabama and Congressman Pete Hoekstra played key roles in the enactment of this legislation.

Under the new law, for the first time, Michigan furniture manufacturers and other private sector companies have a fair chance to compete against Federal Prison Industries for federal contracts at all federal government agencies.

If the government can get an equal or better product at a lower price from the private sector, the law now permits it to buy from the private bidder.

This bill will not end the prison industries program. FPI can continue to compete for any contracts, but now private sector companies will be able to compete as well. There may be a requirement for further legislation in this area, but for now, opening up the competition for federal contracts means that taxpayer dollars will be spent on the best product at the best price.

That's a win-win for all of us. Carl Levin is the senior U.S. senator from Michigan.

Letters to the Editor

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views of *The Avalanche*.

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Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

A New Type of Creature

by Stuart Fowler

There's a new type of creature emerging on earth. I'll describe him to you for whatever it's worth. He comes out of hiding in winter, I'm told. He rejoices in weather that's terribly cold.

Then he leaves the warm fireside, his wife and his kids, And he climbs on a motor, a belt, and two skids. The machine comes to life and he's ready to go, But he can't go as yet - for there's no sign of snow!

For the past 18 days he's been wearing a suit That is covered with zippers from parka to boot. And with mittens and helmet, and mask on his head "Good Grief" says his wife, "Must you wear that to bed?"

Then it finally happens - the ground has turned white. And he's on his machine and roars out of sight. On the flat he'll crouch down, on a corner he'll lean, And they tell me his blood is now pure gasoline.

Over hills, across rivers, through marsh, around trees, Over rockpiles and sandpits, still down on his knees, And he looks like he's praying as 'round us he flies, Is it monster or man? All we see is his eyes.

He'll go screaming ahead when it's twenty below, He will charge into blizzards of onrushing snow. By what demon possessed is this new kind of man, Who finds joy in a snowstorm like no human can.

But what happens in summer when no snow is there? Is he out on a porch in an old rocking chair? No, he's inside the house for the whole world to see, Sitting there on his snowmobile, watching T.V.

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It's time for "Auld Lang Syne" again, which means it's also time for resolutions and renewal for the New Year 2005.

In an effort to be helpful, here's a holiday recipe that everyone should resolve to use frequently during the coming New Year:

"Take four cups of love... two cups of loyalty... three cups of understanding and forgiveness... one cup of friendship and another cup of kindness... five spoons of hope... two spoons of tenderness... four quarts of faith... one barrel of laughter."

"Take love and loyalty, mix thoroughly with faith."

"Blend with tenderness and kindness."

"Stir with understanding, forgiveness and friendship."

"Sprinkle abundantly with laughter."

"Bake with sunshine and hope."

"Serve daily, with generous helpings."

If each of us would try this recipe once in a while during 2005, this would be a much better world... and more fun to live in it.

I don't remember where I first found this recipe for happiness and a good life, but wisdom can be found anywhere. If it's good advice, follow it.

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MORE RESOLUTIONS - Another good set of resolutions I read on a placemat at a forgotten restaurant several years ago. I recommend the ideas to Almanack readers, but not the restaurant.

Take time to work - it is the price of success.

Take time to think - it is the source of power.

Take time to play - it is the secret of perpetual youth.

Take time to read - it is the fountain of wisdom.

Take time to worship - it is the highest way to reverence.

Take time to be friendly - it is the road to happiness.

Take time to laugh - it is the music of the soul.

Take time to dream - it is hitching your wagon to a star.

Take time to live.

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THERE'S MORE - At the risk of overkill, here's another set of possible resolutions for 2005, offered for your consideration.

These "Ten Commandments of Human Relations" came from a newsletter sent by a small city chamber of commerce to its hometown newspaper many years ago. I don't know the chamber's source, but these are still excellent suggestions.

1. Speak to people. There is nothing as nice as a cheerful word of greeting.

2. Smile at people. It takes 72 muscles to frown, only 14 to smile.

3. Call people by name. The sweetest music to anyone's ears is the sound of his/her own name.

4. Be friendly and helpful. If you want friends, you must be a friend.

5. Be cordial. Speak and act as if everything you do is a joy to you.

6. Be genuinely interested in people. You can like almost everybody, if you try.

7. Be generous with praise, cautious with criticism.

8. Be considerate with the feelings of others. There usually are three sides to any controversy - your side, the other person's, and the right side.

9. Be eager to lend a helping hand. Often it is appreciated more than you know.

10. Maintain a good sense of humor, a huge dose of patience, and a dash of

BRIEFS

Church hosts all-you-can-eat luncheon

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, on Michigan Avenue in Grayling, will host an all-you-can-eat luncheon of soup, sandwich, salad and dessert on Thursday, January 6, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person and take-out orders will be available. Everyone is welcome.

American Legion Auxiliary changes meeting

The American Legion Auxiliary, of Grayling, will not be holding a January meeting. The next meeting will be the first Wednesday of February at 3:30 p.m.

Snowmobile safety classes to be held

The AuSable Valley Snowmobile Association will be sponsoring snowmobile safety classes on January 10, 11 and 12, 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., at the Grayling High School. 12 years or older. Call 989-348-2317.

Headwaters Land Conservancy has record year

HeadWaters Land Conservancy protected 1,208 acres in 2004, a record year for the organization.

"Thanks to our generous donors, HeadWaters Land Conservancy is on its way to providing the type of land protection that will make a positive impact in northern Michigan. We expect to continue to increase our annual land protection acreage totals every year," said Kirt Manecke, HeadWaters Land Conservancy's Director of Development and Marketing.

Permanent conservation easements are the most common tool HeadWaters Land Conservancy uses to protect land. A conservation easement is a voluntary legal agreement between a landowner and a land conservancy. It allows a landowner to permanently protect land and limit future development in order to protect the conservation values of the land, while allowing the landowner to retain ownership and the ability to sell. Along with possibly reducing estate taxes, landowners who place a conservation easement on their property may receive an income tax deduction. A building envelope

for a future home site(s) can be built into the conservation easement agreement as long as it does not disrupt the conservation values of the property.

Other activities such as hunting and sustainable forestry are often allowed within the terms of a conservation easement if the landowner desires.

The Conservancy monitors conservation easements annually. Land protected with a conservation easement remains private and not open for public access.

Based in Gaylord, HeadWaters Land Conservancy is a private, non-profit land conservancy established in 1993 to protect land in the 11-county region of northeast Lower Michigan. These counties include Alcona, Alpena, Arenac, Crawford, Roscommon, Otsego, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, and Presque Isle County. Over 3,539-acres are protected to date, with another 1,500 acres in process.

For more information, please call (989) 731-0573, e-mail headwaters@glakes.com, or visit www.headwatersconservancy.org.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

Join us for a meal, either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays except Friday, there is no evening meal. Please try to call for reservations at (989) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500, so that we know how many to plan for.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, December 31 - New Year's holiday center closed.

Monday, January 3 - New Year's holiday center closed.

Tuesday, January 4 - Lunch - open face hot turkey sandwiches, mashed potatoes w/gravy, beets, grapes. Dinner - vegetables beef stew, tossed salad, apricot salad w/cottage cheese, mandarin oranges. 1 p.m. Euchre Club, 5:30 p.m. Cardo.

Wednesday, January 5 - Lunch - swiss steak, mashed potatoes w/gravy, orange car-

rots amandine. Dinner - kielbasa and sauerkraut, Louisiana style squash, peach crisp. 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. commodities at St. Mary's, 10 a.m. hearing clinic, line dancing, 12 p.m. Stag Club, 6:30 p.m. Burger King bingo.

Thursday, January 6 - Lunch - beef goulash, kiwi fruit salad, carrots, peaches. Dinner - zesty seafood pasta, club spinach, mixed fruit, cake. 10 a.m. Aerobics and Craft Class, 10:30 a.m. Out to Lunch, Houghton Lake at Coyle's, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Blood Pressure Checks, 5:30 p.m. Uno-Attack.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

RANGE FIRING

Range firing is scheduled for the period December 30, 2004 - January 5, 2005.

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.) will be conducting live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard during the following dates: December 30 and January 3 - 5.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Due to

mobilizations or critical training requirements, the Post Commander may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time.

This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: (989) 348-6371.

For further information call 1-800-628-5820.

January is Radon Awareness Month

As the weather cools and we begin sealing up drafty doors and windows in preparation for winter, it's a good time to think about the quality of the air inside our homes. Has your home been tested for radon? If not, you have no way of knowing whether your family is being exposed to elevated levels of radon, a class A carcinogen, right in your own home.

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that comes from deposits of uranium in soil and rock. Radon is harmlessly dispersed in outdoor air, but when trapped in buildings it can be toxic to humans. Radon has been found in elevated levels in homes in every state in the country. The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates that as many as one in 15 homes across our nation have elevated radon levels.

Without testing you will never know whether radon is present. Although radon cannot be seen or smelled, it can be inhaled into the lungs where it undergoes radioactive decay. As it decays, radon releases tiny bursts of energy called alpha particles, which can harm sensitive lung tissue by damaging the DNA. This damaged DNA can lead to lung cancer.

Everyone knows that smoking is the nation's number one cause of lung cancer, but most people are surprised to learn that radon exposure is number two. The US Surgeon General has warned that the second leading cause of lung cancer in the US today is radon. Even though radon exposure does not cause immediate symptoms, many studies have proven that long-term exposure can be deadly.

If radon is present in the soil or rock under and around your house, it can seep into the home in various ways. It may enter through cracks or joints in the

foundation floor or walls, doors and windows on the lower levels, hollow-block walls, and openings around floor drains, pipes and sump pumps. Radon levels inside your home may be high regardless of whether you have a basement, a crawl space or a poured slab beneath your house. Radon levels can vary considerably from house to house, even on the same street.

The good news is that homeowners can test their level of radon, and can take action to reduce elevated radon levels in their home. Radon test kits are easy to use. Simply open the test kit package, place the tester in the lower level of your home, and wait the number of days recommended in the test kit directions. When the test is complete, the kit is sealed and sent back to a lab. Test results are mailed to the homeowner by the lab, along with information about what to do if the radon levels in your home are found to be higher than what is considered safe.

A variety of methods can be used to reduce radon in homes. Sealing cracks and other openings in the foundation is basic, although, by itself, this has not been shown to significantly lower radon levels. In most cases, installing systems with pipes and fans will effectively reduce radon levels in your home. The cost of making repairs to reduce radon depends on how your home was built and other factors. Most homes can be fixed for about the same cost as other common home repairs.

District Health Department #10 will be giving away free radon test kits during January. Kits regularly cost \$10. To obtain your free radon test kit visit the local health department at 202 Meadows Drive, Grayling or call 989-348-7800 for more information.

Kirtland announces new ultrasound program

In an attempt to keep abreast of the growing need for trained personnel in the medical field, Kirtland Community College announces it has signed an agreement with Jackson Community College to offer a collaborative program in diagnostic medical sonography.

This is a new option for Kirtland students, in a field of expertise that is being used more and more often.

Diagnostic medical sonographers use high-frequency sound waves - also known as ultrasound - to diagnose, treat and sometimes even prevent disease. The sonographer operates sophisticated electronic equipment that collects reflected ultrasound waves and uses them to form images of the body parts being studied.

Hospitals are the principle employers of sonographers and graduates can expect to earn between \$30,000-\$50,000 per year.

Students in the new program can earn an associate's degree in diagnostic medical sonography by taking their first 32 credits at Kirtland, then take the remaining 42 credits online from Jackson Community College, paying in-county tuition rates. The clinical - hands-on - courses in the program can be taken in facilities within the Kirtland district.

This new collaborative program is only one of numerous

health-related programs offered at Kirtland. Interested students can contact the Health Careers Office at Kirtland Community College at 989-275-5000, Ext. 281.

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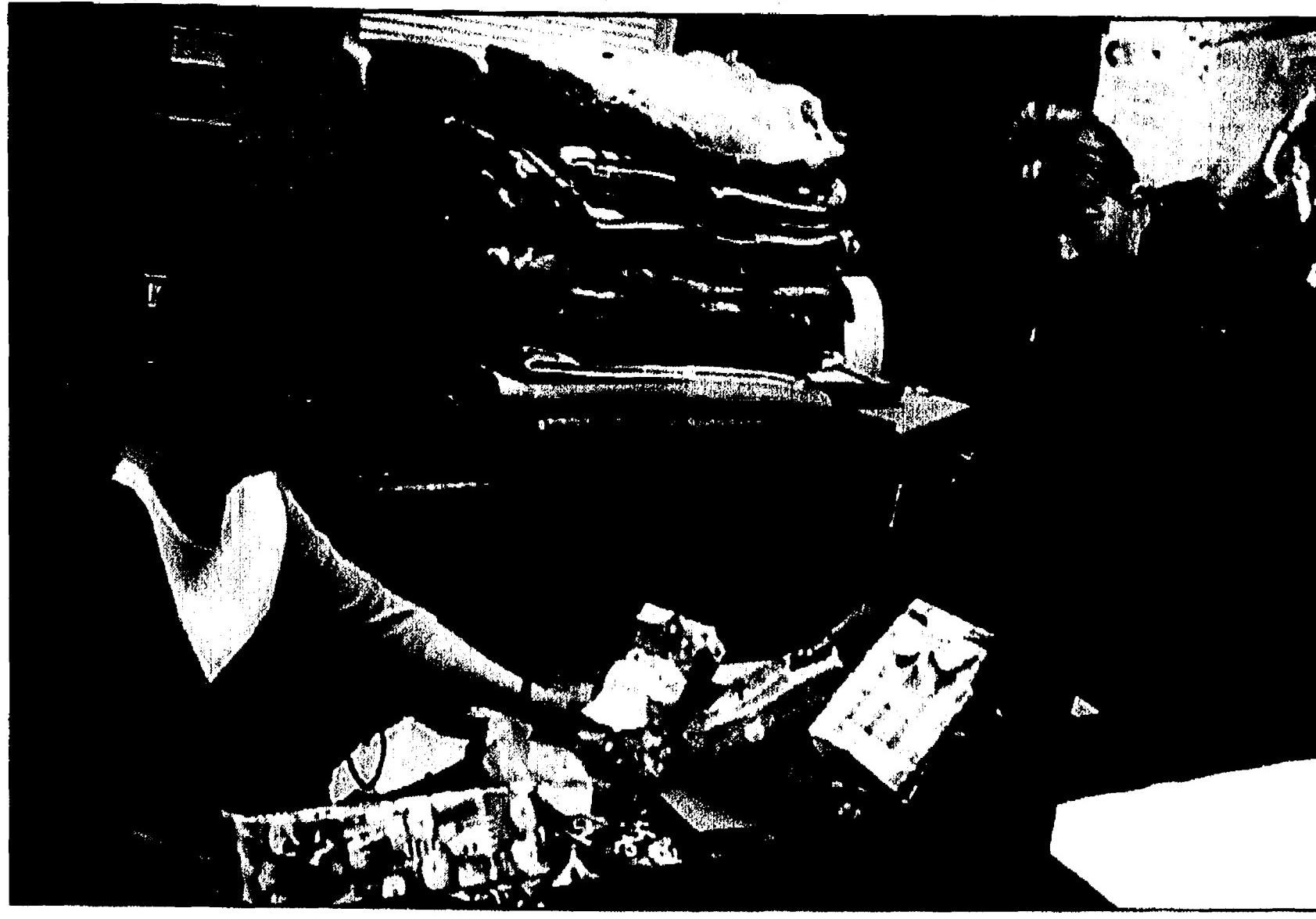


Photo courtesy of Grayling Middle School

In December, Grayling Middle School staff members donated winter apparel to the Crawford County Commission on Aging. Staff members donated, wrapped, and delivered the gifts to COA on December 22. The Community Combo Team at GMS led the collection activity. Pictured: Ann Feldhauser (filling in for Kelly McCoy of GMS) presents the gifts to Alice from the Crawford County Commission on Aging.

Winter is here... do you know where your pesticides are?

Like it or not, winter is here to stay! The days of a lush green lawn and garden are over and the tools have been stored away. Many of us have a designated spot either in the garage, basement or storage shed where our lawn and garden care supplies are neatly stored awaiting those early signs of spring. We may think our job is done once everything is in its place and the door is closed for the season. One more crucial job remains, however, the organization and proper storage of unused pesticides.

Proper storage of pesticides and fertilizers is important not only to protect the health of the homeowner and their family, but also in protecting the environment and the quality of the chemicals themselves. Freezing of liquid pesticides and fertilizers can cause separation of the active ingredient from the solvents or emulsifiers. Complete deactivation of the emulsifier (which is the chemical which stabilizes the active ingredients in the solution) is also possible. This may lead to crystallization or coagulation of the solution thus causing possible plugging of the spray equipment and poor product performance. Freezing may also cause ruptures in containers leading to chemical spills and possible contamination of our groundwater supplies.

How can you prevent this? Following a few simple recommendations can help prevent freezing and protect your health and the safety of the environment.

Read the label. This is the

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner reports his department handled the following during the week of December 19 - December 26:

Five traffic warnings, two traffic accidents, one traffic control, four assist other departments, three alarm responses, two motorist assists, two juvenile complaints, one attempted retail fraud complaint, two misdemeanor arrests, three suspicious situations, two city ordinance violations, three civil complaints, two check law violations, one attempt to locate and four unclassified complaints.

simplest and most important thing that you can do.

Always be sure to provide proper ventilation in your storage area as well. This is important in preventing volatile chemicals from contaminating other materials in storage.

Keep flammable liquids separate from living areas and away from ignition sources.

Avoid dampness which reduces the shelf life of many chemicals and can cause deterioration of containers.

Avoid temperature extremes to prevent freezing which can alter the chemical quality of liquid products reducing their effectiveness and also extreme heat which can increase the volatility of chemicals.

Pesticides and fertilizers should be stored off the floor to prevent contamination if flooding should occur due to heavy rains or spring snowmelt.

Always keep a spill kit handy near your storage area in case of emergencies. At a minimum this kit should include rubber gloves, goggles, absorbents such as kitty litter or paper towels, plastic broom and dustpan and a sealed container to dispose of the used clean-up materials.

For more information on the

proper storage of pesticides and fertilizers, contact Christy Roman, Michigan Groundwater Stewardship Program, serving Missaukee, Crawford, Roscommon and Wexford counties at 231-839-7193 or christy.roman@maed.org.

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One holiday tradition we can all live without

by Ernie Harwell



According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 17,419 people were killed and 700,000 others were injured in alcohol-related traffic crashes in the U.S. last year.

Perhaps the saddest news of all is that more alcohol-related traffic fatalities occur during the holiday period than any other time during the year. But it's important to remember that people typically don't plan to be impaired drivers. It's even more important to remember that everyone can plan ahead to make sure it doesn't happen.

If you plan to celebrate with alcohol, here are tips to help you enjoy a safer holiday season:

- * Avoid situations where there is a likelihood that you will drink and drive.
- * Find someone to be your designated driver before you take that first drink.
- * Ask for juice, a soft drink or coffee after you have an alcoholic drink or two.
- * Decide on a limit, such as two drinks, and stick to it.
- * If you have difficulty stopping, call a friend before you take the first drink you may even decide not to take it.

Simply put, if you'll be drinking, have a plan. It's the best way for you and others to celebrate and be safe.

And remember, take care of your health before it's longgg gone!

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns titled "Life After Baseball," is available at local bookstores or by calling 1-800-245-5082.

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Spartan stores partners with governor to help support military members and their families

Spartan Stores is pleased to announce "Operation Troop Connect" a statewide initiative to collect telephone calling cards for military members and their families. Operation Troop Connect is a partnership between the Governor's Office and the State's Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

"During this season of giving, many Michigan families are looking for ways to say thank you to the military members and their families for the sacrifices they are making," said Granholm. "This is one small way to let them know they are in our hearts and prayers this holiday season and that we appreciate what they do day in and day out to defend our liberties and freedom."

Operation Troop Connect will collect calling cards at the 252 participating Spartan stores across the state from December 17 through January 3. Calling cards purchased for this effort should be up to 120 minutes. They will be distributed to Michigan National Guard and Reserve members and their families to help them stay connected with their loved ones throughout the years.

"Spartan Stores is proud to give our customers the opportunity to help Michigan's military men and women and their families," said Mary Dechow, director of Governments and regulatory affairs for Spartan Stores. "This is a great way for each and every one of us to say thank you to those who are giving so much for us through their service to our country."

Through Operation Troop

Connect, Spartan Stores will be collecting calling cards at all company owned Family Fare Supermarkets and Glen's Markets, and participating independently owned and operated grocery stores, from Sault Ste. Marie to Niles. Some participating independent stores include Felpausch Food Centers, Harding's Markets and VG's Food Centers. For a complete list of all 252 stores participating visit www.spartanstores.com.

Most stores will collect the phone cards at the customer service desk.

Customers can look for the signs at participating stores and also purchase phone cards at most Spartan stores.

At the conclusion of this effort, stores will mail their donated cards to the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

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Driver's license, ID card applicants to demonstrate Michigan residency

Updated Procedure boosts security efforts

Adults who apply for their first driver's license or personal identification card will soon be required to provide documentation showing that they reside in Michigan, Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land announced today.

The updated Department of State procedure offers a new line of defense against identity fraud. State and federal authorities requested the policy change to help prevent individuals from falsely obtaining state licenses and ID cards.

Law enforcement brought to the department's attention incidents of individuals trying to obtain driver's licenses by fraudulently claiming Michigan residency. A thorough department review of its policies and procedures was already underway before the contact from law enforcement.

"This policy change strikes a necessary balance between ensuring homeland security and preserving our customer-service focus," Land said. "We are committed to working with all affected customers so that their applications are processed without delay. We also must pre-

serve the integrity of state-issued documents. The department is continually looking for ways in which it can contribute to the overall safety of our state and nation. This common-sense safeguard is one more step in that effort."

State law has long required driver's license and personal identification card applicants to be Michigan residents. The new documentation process merely ensures that applicants are complying with that mandate.

"These are important changes," stated United States Attorney Craig S. Morford of the Eastern District of Michigan. "A driver's license enables an individual to travel, open bank accounts, obtain government-issued identification in other states and commit other crimes. The changes implemented by Secretary Land plug an important loophole which could have been exploited.

Accordingly, I applaud her prompt attention to these concerns."

"The policy change implemented by Secretary of State Land is an important step in addressing a real vulnerability to our homeland security efforts and will have an impact beyond the borders of Michigan," said Brian M. Moskowitz, Special Agent in Charge of U.S.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in Detroit. "The Secretary of State has made it much more difficult for organized criminal groups and individuals from both here and around the country to abuse our system."

Effective December 13, all applicants for an original Michigan driver's license or personal ID card who are 18 or older must provide documentation of residency. This does not apply to document renewals, or to residents under 18 because of the sufficient documentation requirements of Michigan's Graduated Driver Licensing program.

In addition to meeting all other requirements, applicants must now provide at least one document with their name and Michigan residence address. Post office boxes cannot be used in lieu of a residence address.

Examples of acceptable documents include utility bills, bank statements, insurance policies valid student IDs from a Michigan school, paychecks or stubs, lease agreements, and government documents. Cell phone bills are not acceptable.

Michigan currently requires applicants to provide at least three documents to prove identity. These standards are consistent with - and in many cases,

more stringent than those in other states. Most other states already require either proof of state residency or legal presence in the United States. A 1995 state attorney general's opinion currently prohibits Michigan from making legal presence in the United States a condition for driver's license applicants.

Michigan issues about 240,000 original driver's licenses and 135,000 ID cards annually.

"The tightened requirements for receiving a state identification will help law enforcement combat identity theft, which is one of the fastest growing crimes in the state and the nation," said Col. Tadarial J. Sturdivant, director of the Michigan State Police. "This policy will also help ensure the safety of Michigan citizens by making it more difficult for a criminal to obtain multiple identifications."

Information about this new policy is on the department's Web site at www.Michigan.gov/sos.

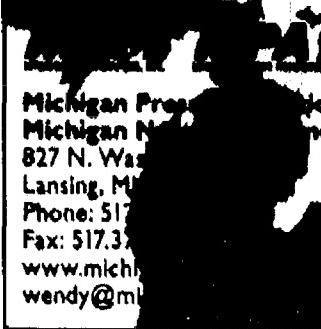
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Student art show draws a crowd



Photos courtesy of Kirtland Community College

Viewers check out some of the pieces at this year's Kirtland Community College Student Art Exhibition.

ROSCOMMON — Several hundred interested viewers packed the rooms of the Kirtland Community College Art Department Friday, December 17, to view the work of their children, friends, parents and fellow artists. The event was the regular Student Art Exhibition and Reception, marking the end of the fall semester.

Kirtland art students, of which there are several hundred of all ages taking courses in a wide variety of mediums, are required to submit at least one piece for the show. As a result, the walls of six rooms were lined with photographs, drawings and paintings, as well as computer-generated artwork. There were also displays of ceramics, sculpture and related work.

After fall semester classes ended December 10, instructors Scott Rice and Joe Donna had the task of arranging and hanging the large show, which draws a larger appreciative audience each year. Registration for winter semester courses at Kirtland begins January 10.



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Michigan seeks continued federal funding for Emerald Ash Borer battle

It is imperative Michigan continue to receive federal funds to effectively combat Emerald Ash Borer and stop its spread to other parts of the state and the rest of the country, a group of state delegates relayed yesterday to federal officials during visits at the nation's capital.

"Michigan has made notable strides against EAB due to previous federal support, partnerships and collaboration across state and federal agencies and entities, scientific advances and innovation," said Dan Wyant, director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA). "However, the battle is really just beginning and continued federal resources are critical to our collective success in stemming this invasive insect's costly economic and environmental impacts and stopping its spread."

The state's EAB Cooperative Response Project Team comprised of the Michigan Departments of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Michigan State University and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service and Forest Service is seeking \$37.85 million for 2005 activities in Michigan.

The targeted activities are part of the state's overall control and eradication strategy, based on recommendations by an EAB national science advisory panel involving some of the country's leading entomologists.

Specifically, Michigan 2005 priorities call for:

Identifying and eradicating "outlier" EAB populations;

Enhancing and expanding the survey program to monitor and track the distribution of EAB infestation;

Continuing and enhancing quarantine compliance through inspections, investigations and enforcement actions;

Operating disposal yards to

safely and properly dispose of infested or potentially infested ash materials while providing assistance to impacted communities;

Conducting community/homeowner education, outreach and awareness activities; and

Replacing tree canopy cover in areas impacted by EAB.

"Michigan is at the frontline of this battle and continued funding of EAB efforts is essential to protecting not only Michigan's ash resource, but those of the entire North American continent," said Patricia Lockwood, EAB Policy Director for Governor Jennifer M. Granholm.

Emerald Ash Borer is an exotic insect native to Asia that attacks ash trees and was previously unknown on the North American continent until its discovery in Michigan during the summer of 2002. The borer has already devastated approximately eight million ash trees in southeastern Michigan. EAB continues to damage or destroy

trees in this region as well as infest other localized areas in various counties and communities due mainly to the pre-quarantine movement of ash trees, materials or firewood. There is a state and federal quarantine in effect for 13 counties and several other individual outlier locations prohibiting the movement of ash trees, branches and lumber, any type of firewood, and ash wood chips larger than one inch in diameter from these areas. The state has an active, multi-agency Emerald Ash Borer task force working collectively to detect, contain and respond to EAB and minimize its damage.

For more information on EAB and the state's efforts, visit www.michigan.gov/mda, and click on "Emerald Ash Borer" in the spotlight section or www.emeraldashborer.info. You can also contact your regional MDA, Michigan Department of Natural Resources or local Michigan State University Extension office.

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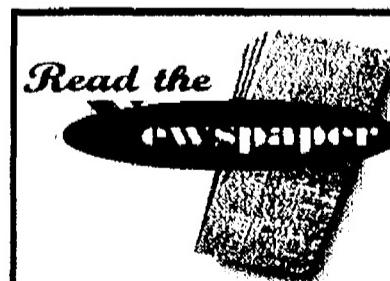
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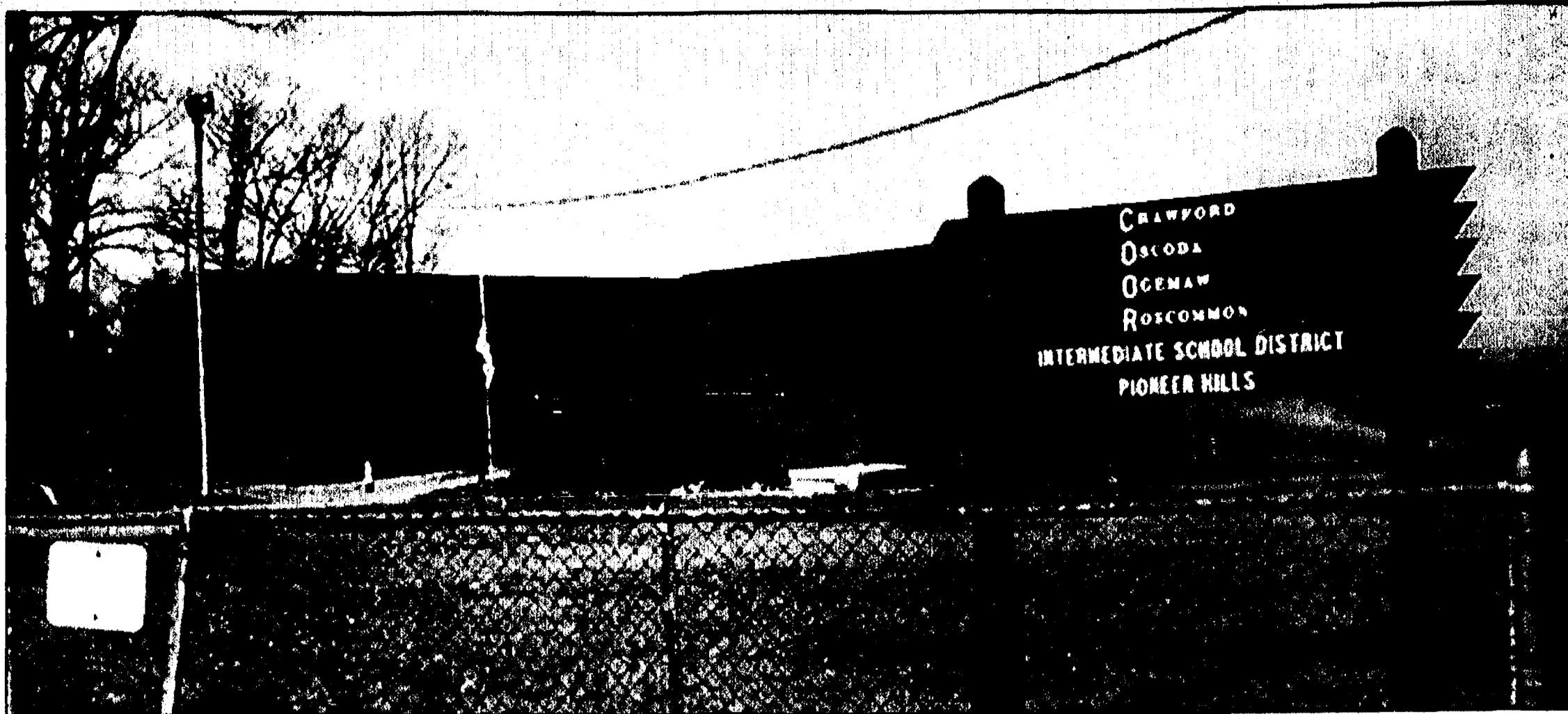
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COOR offers enhanced educational experiences for area students

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

This is the first of a two part series discussing the important, but largely unknown, role COOR

Intermediate School District plays in the lives of children in our area.

Most people have very little idea what an Intermediate School District does. Many of us see those yellow buses on the road, not only during the regular school year but also during the summer and wonder where they are going. Sometimes they are taking students to exciting adventures. This series will explore the various roles of the local intermediate school district.

Intermediate School Districts (ISD) replaced the old county school boards in the 1960's. The newly created ISDs were formed to help school districts by offering services and providing educational opportunities that individual districts could not provide

as cost effectively.

The ISD which serves the Crawford AuSable School District is known as COOR. Located on Pioneer Hill in Roscommon County it works with the six school districts in Crawford, Oscoda, Ogemaw and Roscommon Counties. In addition to Crawford AuSable, there is Mio AuSable, Fairview, Houghton Lake, West Branch-Rose City and Gerrish-Higgins.

All ISD's across the state are set up like regular school districts with a superintendent and a board of education. Robert Jones has been the COOR superintendent for five years. Before that he was the superintendent of the Ionia School District.

One of the things that makes COOR unique is that voters select board members during the elections held in June. Nearly every other ISD board in the state has its members appointed by the school boards of the school districts the ISD serves.

Each member of the COOR board serves a six-year term. Current board members are Chair Robert Carpenter of Mio, Roderick Martin of Houghton Lake, Rodney Robertson of Rose City, Bernadine Dosch and Nancy Persing both of Grayling, Robert Langendorfer of West Branch, and Lois Byrd of Roscommon.

Roles for COOR

COOR works cooperatively with the local school districts in the four county area to provide services that can be more economically and efficiently provided through an area-wide agency. In addition to helping districts provide services such as speech therapy, physical therapy, school psychologists and social workers, it also works with local districts to provide cooperative general education classes, career and technical education, and special education classes.

General Education

COOR offers two distinct types of general education services - one for students and one for the educators. Professional development services are planned and implemented based on the priorities identified by local school districts. This year there is an area wide effort to



Fourth-graders Brittney Turner and Jamie Johnson work on the props for a play they put on dealing with how the people of Michigan have served the common good through technology. The week-long project is run by the Acting-Up Theater, sponsored by COOR.

provide training to local educators in using data to improve student performance and align curricula with new state standards.

There are also general education student services that have been collaboratively developed with the local school districts.

One of the programs is the Grade 4 MEAP program which rewards students who have met Michigan Standards on the Grade 4 MEAP Reading and Math test. Those students get a free week at Kirtland Community College where they get to immerse themselves in one of 13 courses offered, such as robotics, aquatic chemistry and comic book illustration. The program, in its twelfth year, is continuing to grow. This past summer, approximately 300 fourth-graders attended. The program is designed to encourage achievement and to provide an educational experience in areas not commonly available at area schools.

A second program offered by COOR is the Grade 8 shared time advanced classes taught at Kirtland each Friday afternoon. These are college level classes and successful students receive college credit. Each course is taught in accordance with established college standards, but has a special section for the grade 8 students. Classes include web page design, creative writing, photography, and theater.

A third program run by the general education division is the COOR Talent Search which provides high achieving seventh and eighth graders with the opportunity to take the ACT, a test which is normally taken by college-bound juniors and seniors. Students who participate receive scholarships jointly funded by COOR and their local school district. These scholarships are used to attend summer educational programs including MSU Explorations, Michigan Tech Summer Institute, Space Camp, Blue Lake Fine Arts Camps, Inland Seas, and Wolverine Camp. The purpose is to both encourage high achievement and provide students with access to expanded educational experiences.

A week-long elementary theater program is available to all students in a particular grade designated by their district. Each student has a chance to take an active role in a theater production, from developing the idea for the play, making the costumes and props, to being part of the cast - every student gets to say at least two lines of dialogue. The production stresses some part of the classroom curriculum, be it Michigan history, economics, or building character.

For more information on the services available at COOR for special needs children, visit their website at www.coorisd.k12.mi.us.

Information on the programs in career technology and special education programs COOR offers will appear in the next edition of the Avalanche.

BIRTHS

Marjorie Lewis and Kevin Sholes of Luzerne announce the birth of their daughter, Kiara Lee, born at Mercy Hospital in Grayling on December 17, 2004, at 11:01, weighing 5 lbs. 9 ozs., and measuring 17 1/2 inches long.

Brandy Kochan announces the birth of Alana Louise, born at Mercy Hospital in Grayling on December 15, 2004 at 1:34 a.m., weighing 6 lbs., 9 ozs. and measuring 20 inches long.

Brandi Rice and Bradley Beers of Frederic announce the birth of their daughter, Baylee Rene, born at Mercy Hospital in Grayling on December 14, 2004 at 8:15 a.m., weighing 6 lbs., 2 ozs. and measuring 21 inches long.

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From the pages of the Crawford County Avalanche

2004 Year In Review

Happy New Year!

With the year 2004 at an end, the *Crawford County Avalanche* presents its annual Year In

Review. The Year In Review includes article summaries from stories featured in 2004 *Crawford County Avalanche* editions.

Article summaries are listed according to the newspaper edition date in which the story appeared, not when the event hap-

pened. The 2004 Year In Review will be published in two parts. This week's *Crawford County*

Avalanche includes the months of January through June. July through December will be featured in next week's *Avalanche*.

JANUARY

1st

• Deputy Camp Commander Lt. Col. Tom Lamic confirmed that 28-year-old Staff Sergeant Michael J. Sutter, assigned to the 745th Ordnance Company (EOD) from Camp Grayling was killed in Iraq December 26. Sutter became a member of the Michigan Army National Guard in May 2002, just six months before the 745th deployed to Texas in anticipation of going to Iraq.

• Nicolas Thomas Balinski of Troy died as the result of a snowmobile accident on Blue Bear Trail in Frederic Township December 22. Sheriff Kirk Wakefield said speed may have played a part in this season's first snowmobile fatality.

8th

• Due to the untimely death of the Department of Public Works Supervisor Doug Duby, the City of Grayling is temporarily suspending the fluoridation of its municipal water supply. Duby was the only one in the department licensed to operate the fluoridation process.

15th

• Following a long term investigation, a second local man is facing open murder charges in the 2001 death of Shane Piehl. In May 2002, a jury found a Beaver Creek Township resident not guilty of the murder. Crawford

County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield said a collaborative effort between his department and the Michigan State Police has secured what they believe is enough evidence to convict 42-year-old Michael Patrick Bergan, of Grayling, for the murder of Piehl.

• A motion to review the expiring contract of its director died without support at the January 8 meeting of the Crawford County Library Board. The contract between the Library Board and Edward Elsner is complete as of January 13 and a search for a new director has begun.

• Although assigned circuit court Judge Dennis C. Kolenda has rendered a decision in the combined cases concerning the funding dispute between the 46th Circuit Trial Court and two of its funding units, the case is nowhere near a conclusion. The case went to trial on July 1, 2003. In January, Kolenda ordered the law firm representing Crawford and Kalkaska Counties to pay \$232,000 to Otsego County. Kolenda also allowed the Trial Court to amend its complaint and add the dispute over its 2003-2004 budget to the case stating that "allowing a pending case to deal with any subsequent disputes is far more efficient. Hence, this Court will 'finally conclude' the funding dispute before it by adding and dealing



Therese Kaiser, Citizen of the Year for 2003 (January 22 edition)

with the 2004 budget."

22nd

• The Crawford County Library Board of Directors stood firm on its decision to begin searching for a new director following the non-renewal of the former director's contract. The board voted unanimously to appoint Youth Services Librarian Bambi Mansfield-Sanderson as interim director.

• The GHS wrestling team won the tournament champion-

ship at the Ithaca Invitational, a 19-team meet. Nine Vikings earned medals at the event. Earning second place medals were Joel Wilson, Darryl Babbitt, Mike Gassman, Brandon Pratt, and Aaron Rosecrans. Third place medals were won by Adam Malone and Dusty Partello. Corey Metzer and Brian Borchers earned sixth place medals.

• Therese Kaiser was named the 2003 Citizen of the Year. She

was recognized for her development of and her ten years of work with the Crawford AuSable Community Thanksgiving Dinner, her work as Chairperson of the AuSable River Festival Parade, and her work with Habitat for Humanity, Relay for Life and other community services.

• Jay Mensing, head football coach at Grayling High School, has resigned from his coaching position at GHS and accepted the

29th

• On his own recommendation, appellate attorney Allan Falk has been given the go ahead by the Crawford County Board of Commissioners to file appeals as he deems necessary on rulings made by Judge Dennis Kolenda in the ongoing lawsuit between the Board and the 46th Circuit Trial court. Kalkaska County has also agreed to the same authorization.

• The Grayling City Police Department has sent its older bullet resistant vests to Southfield. The vests will then be shipped to the troops in Iraq where they will be used as supplemental protection in door panels, on floor boards and in other areas of troop vehicles lacking complete armament.

• Linda Golnick, general manager of the *Crawford County Avalanche*, received the 2003 Athena Award for her leadership, support of women in business and her community service over many years.

• E-Z Built Homes received the 2003 Silver Lining Award for improving the old Grayling Reel property.

FEBRUARY

5th

• With the news of a decrease in state funding and penal fine revenues, the Crawford County Library Board is considering asking for an operating millage. They are looking at a 0.45 mill increase which would cost less than \$2 per month for a home with a taxable value of \$50,000.

• Alton T. Davis, Chief Judge of the 46th Circuit Trial Court of Michigan, has been elected by his colleagues as President of the Michigan Judges Association for the 2004 calendar year.

12th

• Substance abuse in the local schools has dropped since 1997, according to a survey by Crawford County Sheriff's Deputy Randy Herman. Herman added that the focus of D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) has changed from a focus of "no" to delaying and helping students stop the use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

• Murder suspect Michael Patrick Bergan appeared in 87th District Court last week with a new court-appointed attorney and before a new judge. Bergan is now represented by Traverse City attorney Peter H. Shumar and appeared before Hon. Lynn Buday. Bergan has been arraigned on one charge each of open murder and use of a firearm during the commission of a felony in connection with the May 29, 2001 shooting death of



Five Viking wrestlers with at least 100 wins each - Adam Malone, Darryl Babbitt, Dusty Partello, Aaron Rosecrans, and Brandon Pratt (February 12 edition)

21-year-old Shane Piehl.

• The Crawford AuSable School Board decided to forego a vote on additional gym facilities and will use maintenance funds to replace the old gym floor.

• The Grayling High School athletic department has named Ben Brock the new head football coach at GHS. Brock, who was the defensive coordinator of last year's 8-3 GHS football team, replaces Jay Mensing, who recently resigned his position to accept the head coaching job at Owosso High School.

• Grayling High School wrestlers won four first place

medals and two second place medals at Saturday's Gladwin Invitational. The Vikings also set a GHS record for most 100-victory wrestlers on one team following the 100th career high school wrestling win for Aaron Rosecrans. The other four 100-win wrestlers are Adam Malone, Dusty Partello, Darryl Babbitt and Brandon Pratt. These five athletes have more than 600 high school wrestling victories between them.

• Five members of the GHS powerlifting club - Matt Larson, Andrea Southard, Jon Parker, Luke Southard and Dan Snider -

qualified to compete in USA Powerlifting (USAPL) national competitions with finishes at the USAPL-sanctioned meet at Plainwell High School on February 7. All five lifters have qualified to compete at the USAPL High School Nationals in Racine, Wisconsin March 18-21.

19th

• Kelly Jo Pratt and Daniel Latesky, both 29 of Grayling, have been arrested and formally charged with the armed robbery of the BP gas station in Frederic Township on December 14, 2003.

• Two bus drivers and six students sought medical attention for minor injuries following a rear-end collision involving two local school buses at about 3:13 p.m. February 10. The accident happened on Old 27 near Lewiston Grade Road during "white-out" conditions which cut visibility to a minimum.

• Grayling High School's boys ski team skied to a 3rd place finish out of 19 area schools at Regionals last Thursday and qualified for a place at the upcoming State Finals.

26th

• A downtown man suspected

of drug dealing was arrested Sunday morning as a result of a tip received by the Crawford County Sheriff's Office. Deputies working with the Grayling City Police and the S.T.I.N.G. Narcotics team arrested Bobby Tacker of Lincoln Park, who is alleged to be dealing cocaine and heroin. When arrested he was found with several thousand dollars worth of cocaine, heroin and marijuana along with drug paraphernalia.

• Ryan D. Hall, of Durand, was arrested as the result of the quick thinking of dispatcher Mike Shearer and two snow plow truck drivers. Michigan State Police troopers, acting on a tip, arrived at a local motel only to find Hall had fled out a rear window. Shearer notified the plow drivers Hall might be in the area where they were cleaning roads. Tom Sorenson and Russ Strohpaal reported they had seen him and troopers gave chase. Hall was apprehended after he slid out of control off I-75 in Beaver Creek Township.

• The Grayling High School wrestling squad won a District team championship and qualified nine wrestlers for Individual Regionals in separate District events last week. Those going to Individual Regionals are Dusty Partello, Brandon Pratt, Josh Partello, Joel Wilson, Aaron Rosecrans, Adam Malone, Corey Metzer, Darryl Babbitt and Dan Snider.

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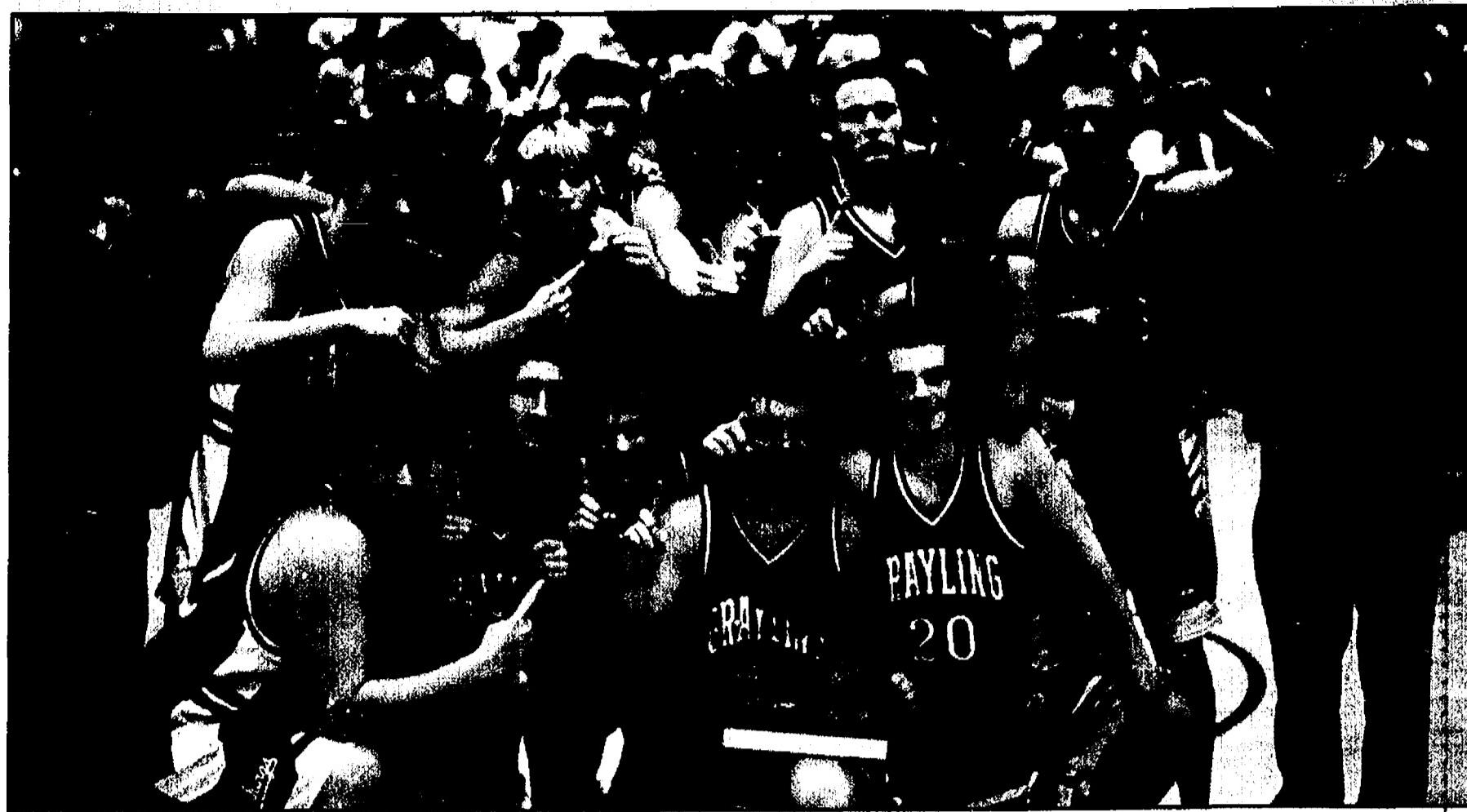
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Boys basketball team wins district championship (March 18 edition)

MARCH**4th**

A jury of six citizens took about 15 minutes to return a "not guilty" verdict against a local teen accused of shooting two trumpeter swans last October. Another teen will go on trial later this month in charges stemming from the same incident.

A possible land deal involving the Crawford County Road Commission and an investment/realty company, which would free up the property the Road Commission now occupies for a potential undisclosed business venture, now appears doubtful.

The Grayling City Council voted 5-0 to approve the city's contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation for the upcoming streetscape project, and in doing so, committed the city to paying a higher amount than previously agreed.

Four GHS wrestlers placed high enough at the Individual Regionals to qualify for the upcoming State Finals. Dusty Partello won his weight class at Regionals, Joel Wilson finished 4th, Darryl Babbitt took 3rd and Brandon Pratt placed 4th.

11th

Daniel Latesky, age 29, pled guilty March 8 before 46th Circuit Trial Court Chief Judge Alton T. Davis for his involvement in the December 14, 2003 armed robbery of the BP gas station in Frederic Township.

18th

With a 19-0 run to finish last Friday's championship game, the GHS varsity boys basketball team defeated the Harrison Hornets 58-41 to win the District



Hartwick Pines' Maple Syrup Day (March 25 edition)

#63 Tournament and qualify for Regionals.

Brandon Pratt, Darryl Babbitt, Dusty Partello and Joel Wilson all earned medals at the State Wrestling Finals by finishing in the top eight of their respective weight classes.

25th

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners approved the purchase of two new police cruisers to beef up the department's aging fleet. The County Board authorized the purchase of two 2004 Ford Crown Victoria

KIRTLAND BASKETBALL**Men's Team**

ROSCOMMON - Antonio Berry sank 25 points and contributed 9 rebounds and 5 steals to

lead the Kirtland men's basketball team to a 102-91 win over Grand Rapids Community College on Saturday, December 18, at the CRAF Center in Roscommon.

The Firebirds came off with a weak start, but once they hit their stride, there was no turning back.

Three more Firebirds were in double digits in this, Kirtland's last game before the new year. Bernard Daniels scored 17 points and offered 10 assists, followed by Victor Hamilton with 12 points and Craig Ash with 11. The win advanced Kirtland to 10-3 for the season.

The Firebirds are off now until January 5 when they travel to Detroit to take on Wayne County Community College. They play again at home in the CRAF Center on Saturday, January 8, when they host Oakland Community College. Game time is 3 p.m.

Women's Team

ROSCOMMON - Kirtland Community College's Amanda Cooper was named to the all-tournament team, but her performance wasn't enough to bring success to the Lady Firebirds as they sustained two weekend losses on the road at the Lakeland CC Holiday Classic tournament in Kirtland, Ohio.

The women's basketball team fell 80-62 to Oakland Community College on Friday, December 10, then was downed 89-51 by Lakeland CC in second-round play on Saturday.

Cooper scored 13 points for the Firebirds against Lakeland (9-1), but turnovers and missed free throws were a factor for the team.

"Although once again we played hard, our inability to take care of the ball is a very big part in all of our losses thus far," said Kirtland coach Teresa Stuck.

"We had 33 turnovers this game. We are not reading the defense and getting enough shot attempts at the basket. The girls need to look for their offense more; open shots are turning into turnovers. Our lack of size and poor free-throw shooting were also factors in this loss - we shot

just 45 percent from the line."

Kirtland's record fell to 3-7.

Against Oakland CC on Friday, Cooper was also high scorer for the Lady Firebirds, sinking 22 points. Kenzie Steward added 12 points for Kirtland, 10 on free throws, to go with 9 boards.

Freshman Emilee Bruner also grabbed 13 rebounds in just 23 minutes of action.

Stuck said her team is looking forward to a rematch with Oakland come conference time.

ROSCOMMON - The Kirtland Lady Firebirds rallied from a 25-point deficit at halftime of their game against Grand Rapids Community College, but still came up on the short end of the 74-66 final score on their home court Saturday, December 18.

Sophomore Amanda Cooper of Harrison topped the Ladybirds' scoring column with 15 points, while freshman Felon Harris contributed 13 and Nynne Larsen, a freshman from Denmark, added 10.

Coach Teresa Stuck gave her players a lot of credit for coming back in the second half.

"Our girls came out with a lot of intensity and a lot of heart," she said. "They showed a lot of character by not giving up."

ROSCOMMON - Kenzie Steward gave it her all, making 25 points and pulling down 10 rebounds for the Kirtland women's basketball team, but the Firebirds still came up short at the final buzzer, losing 82-73 to Lake Michigan College in Benton Harbor Sunday, December 19.

KCC coach Teresa Stuck said she is still working on getting her players to add the intensity to their game that will focus their talent.

Amanda Cooper added 18 points and 8 rebounds for the Firebirds. Freshman Casey Bratt tallied 15 points and added 4 steals.

The Firebirds dropped to 3-9 for the season, while Lake Michigan College moved to 7-3 with this win, which was aided by 25 points from their free throw line.

FOOT NOTES

by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.



INGROWN TOENAIL

Two primary causes exist for ingrown toenails—poorly fitting shoes and improperly trimmed toenails. Ingrown toenails, which occur when a nail section grows into the toe's skin and embeds itself in the soft tissue, are most common in the big toe but can develop on any toe. Infection is a common complication that occurs when dirt or sweat enter the site. If this happens, the area may appear swollen and red and be painful when touched or pressed by shoes. Pus is another indication of infection. To prevent ingrown nails, choose shoes that provide enough room in the toe box. Trim nails straight across, without rounding the corners. If an ingrown nail occurs, keep the area clean. Ingrown toenails often occur

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APRIL

745th Explosive Ordnance Detachment returns home after an 18-month deployment as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom (April 29 edition)

1st

Facing a 17 percent decrease in state revenue sharing from sales tax collections, municipalities in Crawford County — and others around the state — now face the hardship of nonpayment of taxes by the state on land it owns. The state owes the county and its municipalities \$57,298.58 for their winter 2003 property taxes or PILT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes). Crawford County Treasurer Joe Wakeley said he doesn't know when the bill will be paid.

8th

Twenty GHS musicians earned 11 first division solo ratings and three second division solo ratings as well as four ensemble first division ratings at the State Solo and Ensemble Festival held March 27 at Central Michigan University.

Four local fire departments and Department of Natural Resources fire fighters were called to a garage fire in a local mobile home community, but the fire soon spread to neighboring woods and other structures. The garage and adjacent mobile home were total losses. A second mobile home nearby was severely damaged when an apparent gas explosion blew the windows out of the structure and caused another fire. Grayling fire fighters were assisted by equipment and personnel from Frederic, Beaver Creek and Lovells Townships.

Daniel Latesky, of Grayling, learned April 5 that he will serve 6 1/2 to 15 years in prison for his role in the pre-dawn robbery of the BP gas station in Frederic Township.

15th

The Crawford County Library Board of Directors reached an 18-month contract agreement, effective April 8, with Acting Director Bambi Mansfield. Board President Ray Priebe Jr. said since Mansfield has taken over many of the problems that have driven patrons away from the library have been cleared up.

Library benefactor Leslie Devereaux, who challenged the community to pass a millage to build a new library, has challenged the community again.

Ralph C. Oppermann; 1988 — Dr. Michael E. Burkley; 1991 — Dr. Peter J. Oppermann; 1992 — Jordan P. Stancil; 1993 — Dr. Yolanda L. Rosi; 1995 — Dr. Nathaniel L. Rosi; 1996 — Jason R. Thompson and Dr. Trisha D. Wells.

22nd

When a 10-year old could not be found near Grayling Elementary School or near his home on April 14, the area's first ever Amber Alert was issued. In a matter of minutes, Sheriff's Deputies and Grayling City Police officers began the search. They were soon joined by Department of Natural Resources Law Officers and Michigan State Troopers. Within three hours of the alert, the boy was found safe and unharmed, at a friend's home in Grayling.

The 507th Engineer Battalion based at Camp Grayling was put on alert, increasing the possibility it might be sent to Iraq. Meanwhile, the 745th Ordnance Detachment, also based at Camp Grayling is expected to return from active duty April 23.

29th

The Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC) notified Sheriff Kirk Wakefield that the county jail met compliance with the Administrative Rules for Jails and Lockups. This is the jail's second consecutive compliance.

The preliminary examination for Michael Patrick Bergan, a suspect in the 2001 murder of Shane Piehl, has been delayed. It was originally scheduled for April 15 in 87th District Court.

Inductees for the first class of the Grayling High School Hall of Fame were named. They are 1954 — Roger Kesseler; 1969 — Judge John G. Hunter and Allen L. Lowe; 1971 — Dr. Douglas H. Slater and Dr. Paul E. Sojka; 1975 — Wendy A. Gee and Richard Joseph; 1978 — Dr. Patricia A. Duley; 1980 — Dr. Christopher S. Lepsy; 1986 — Dr.

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Sheriff Kirk Wakefield speaks at the Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony (May 20 edition)

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The Crawford County

Sheriff's Office, Grayling City Police Department and Grayling City/Township Fire Department recently received Automatic External Defibrillators through a grant from the State of Michigan. The equipment will allow the departments to respond with emergency medical services when someone suffers a sudden cardiac arrest.

• Area Scouts collected about \$2,300 worth of food throughout the city recently. They donated the items to the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center's food pantry.

• A group of crime victims and their families and friends marched from the local domestic violence shelter to the Crawford County Courthouse for an event that recognized their rights and the pain they have endured. Also recognized were those people

who daily help crime victims through troubled times. The march is expected to become an annual event during National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

• The Grayling Youth Booster Club presented Grayling High School and Frederic Fire Department/EMS officials with a modified golf cart that can carry an injured athlete. The cart will give emergency responders much better access to the school's athletic facilities and fields since it is small and can even be used inside. (FFD/EMS personnel volunteer on-site at all GHS football games.)

13th

• On May 7, the director of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources decided to change the surface development status of a parcel of state owned land near the Mason Tract, partially clearing the way for the drilling of a gas well there.

• State Senators Tony Stamas (R-Midland), Bruce Patterson (R-Canton) and Jim Barcia (D-Bay City) introduced Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 35 asking the Congress of the United States and the federal government to work with Michigan officials to align the ownership of mineral rights and surface rights on state and federal lands in Michigan.

20th

• About 60 people from the community and law enforcement agencies gathered May 12 to celebrate National Police Week and to honor those who have fallen in the line of duty in a Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony. Sheriff Kirk Wakefield called retired Grayling City Police Chief Peter Stephan and Crawford County sheriffs Harold "Bum" Hatfield, Joseph White and David Lovely to the podium where he thanked them for their service and called them "the foundation of our law

enforcement community."

• On May 8, Grayling Recreation Authority held its first running race of the 2004 season - the Top of the Hill 5K. Competitors challenged themselves to 3.1 miles of rolling wooded trails and finished on the top of the downhill skiing hill. GRA Director Justin Andre won the event in 20:59.

• Ron Hellebuyck of Grayling recently won the "Judges Choice Award of Excellence" at the Mustang 40th Anniversary celebration at the Nashville Motorspeedway in Tennessee. More than 4,200 Mustangs were showcased at the event. He won the award for his "outstanding craftsmanship in the restoration of his 1968 Mustang."

27th

• With the expiration of its lease at the end of the year, board members of the Animal Shelter of Crawford County are working closely with the Road Commission and the County Board of Commissioners to secure a suitable parcel of land for the construction of a new facility.

• State Representative Matt Gillard (D-Alpena) visited Grayling last week to unveil his oil and gas reform package that would create the nation's toughest statewide drilling noise limit.

• The Frederic Fire/EMS Department was given an ORV. When used in connection with one of their snowmobile rescue sleds put on wheels, it will enable them to rescue people who are injured while on the cross country trails.

• Two athletes from Grayling High School's boys track team, Tyler Cragg and Ryan Schmidt, qualified for the State Finals by finishing second at Regionals on May 22 at Benzie Central. Cragg qualified for the 400-meter dash and Schmidt qualified for the 300-meter hurdles.

KIRTLAND BASKETBALL

Women's Team

ROSCOMMON — Members of the Kirtland Community College Lady Firebirds basketball team will change hats for a few hours Tuesday, January 4. They'll go from being student athletes, to teacher clinicians as they host players from the Area 4 Special Olympics basketball program for a basketball skills clinic.

The clinic is being conducted from 12:30-2:30 p.m. in the CRAF Center in downtown Roscommon.

Special Olympics is a sports training and competition program for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Area 4 provides programs in Ogemaw, Roscommon,

Crawford and Oscoda counties. The idea for this clinic came out of discussions between first-year Kirtland coach Teresa Stuck and Area 4 Director Mike Eva. The local Special Olympics program was interested in finding ways to get its players exposed to college-level athletes and to raise its visibility among Kirtland's student body.

Coach Stuck wanted to get her players involved in programs within the community. Since the players on the local Special Olympics basketball teams come from the same communities served by Kirtland, the programs seemed like a good match.

In addition, Coach Stuck had experience as a volunteer for Special Olympics as a high school student at Houghton Lake.

Approximately 30 Special Olympic athletes, ranging in age from 10 to 40 years old, will be on hand for the clinic. While this clinic is the first event between the two programs, both groups hope to find ways to provide more interaction in the future.

For more information on Area 4 Northland Special Olympics programs, contact Eva at 989-275-9549.

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bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Steve N Dmytryzak, II and Susan M. Dmytryzak, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Mortgagee, dated July 13, 1999, and recorded on July 15, 1999 in Liber 486 on Page 82, and modified by Affidavit executed on November 16, 2004 and recorded on November 22, 2004 in Liber 672 on Page 631, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Eight Thousand Six Hundred Fourteen And 66/100 Dollars (\$158,614.66) including interest at 7.75%

per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, by the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on January 19, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Description No. 1: The East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 9, Town 26 North, Range 2 West.

Description No. 2: The East 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 9, Town 26 North, Range 2 West.

Description No. 3: The West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 9, Town 26 North, Range 2 West.

The property is now known as: The East 3/4 of the East 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 9, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, containing 15 acres combined.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 16, 2004
For more information, please call:
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Attorneys For Countrywide Home

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5822
File #040906F01

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NOTICE LOVELLS TOWNSHIP

There will be a public hearing on Tuesday, January 11th @ 4:30 p.m. to hear a Dimensional Variance request as submitted by Tahha N Harp to build a residence in Warbler's Hideaway Association that is not in compliance with Lovells Township Zoning restrictions.

Address any questions or concerns to the Lovells Township Zoning Administrator at 8405 Twin Bridge Road, Grayling, Michigan 49738. Phone 989-348-9215.

Terry Cusick
Lovells Township Zoning Board of Appeals

WEEK #16 Winning Games

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WEEKLY PRIZES

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4th Prize - Avalanche

Basketball games postponed

■ Games vs. Traverse City St. Francis to be played January 8

The freshman, junior varsity, and varsity boys basketball games scheduled for Tuesday, December 21, were postponed due to weather conditions.

Grayling High School cancelled classes on December 21 and as a result did not make the trip to Traverse City for the scheduled basketball games vs. TC St. Francis. The matches have been rescheduled for Saturday, January 8.

The varsity team is 4-0 heading into winter break, with a 1-0 league record in the Lake Michigan Conference.

The team's last two games

before the break were both victories at home, one over Ogemaw Heights and one against Harbor Springs.

On Tuesday, December 14, the Vikings defeated West Branch Ogemaw Heights 86-63.

"Our defensive pressure wore them out as the game went on. We are pleased with our intensity level for this early in the season," Coach Rich Moffit said.

Gibson Tobin led the Vikings with 35 points. Bobby Starks posted a double-double with 12 assists and 10 rebounds. Josh Hinkle also had a double-double with 16 points and 10 rebounds. Reagan Schmidt, Matt Swope, Eli VanNuck, Josh Millikin, Starks, Zac Baker, Mike Boylan, and Jim Boylan all scored points for the Vikings.

On Friday, December 17, GHS

outscored Harbor Springs 77-48 in Grayling's first league game of the season.

"Our kids got out of the blocks early. Solid performance out of our interior kids and our perimeter kids did an outstanding job of running in transition," Coach Moffit said.

Tobin scored 27 points to lead Grayling's offensive attack. Hinkle had 17 points, 9 rebounds, and 8 rebounds for GHS. Starks posted his second double-double of the week with 14 points and 11 rebounds. VanNuck scored 14 points. Millikin, Swope, and Schmidt also scored points for the Vikings.

After winter break, the Vikings will play at Pinconning on Tuesday, January 4, and will host Boyne City on Friday, January 7.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Thomas A. Sorenson, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated February 3, 2003, and recorded on February 21, 2003 in Liber 621 on Page 029, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Two Thousand Five Hundred Twenty and 65/100 (\$92,520.65), including interest at 6.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on January 19, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 3 Red Wing Terrace, as recorded in Liber 4, on Page 22, of Plats

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 16, 2004

For more information, please call:
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Charles D. Demoines, a single man and Liberty J. Galvani, a single woman, original mortgagor(s), to Michigan State Housing Development Authority, Mortgagee, dated July 24, 2000, and recorded on August 8, 2000 in Liber 514 on Page 179, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirteen Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Eight And 14/100 Dollars (\$13,698.14), including interest at 6.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on January 12, 2005.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 6, Block 17, roof-line's addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 11, Crawford County Records.

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Dated: December 9, 2004

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Crawford County Road Commission in conjunction with the Crawford County Transit Authority and the City of Grayling will be holding a Public Hearing during the regular scheduled Road Commission Board meeting, Wednesday, January 12, 2005 @ 10:00 a.m.

Meeting location shall be at the Crawford County Road Commission office in Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-0048.

Purpose for the public hearing will be to address and approve the selection of proposed projects eligible for TEA 21 funding.

Upon completion the Board will present the recommended proposed projects to the Regional Task Force for Consideration.

Additional Information may be obtained from the Road Commission Office, Road Commission phone (989) 348-2281 or fax (989) 348-6333.

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Woods Subdivision, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of plats, page 18, Crawford County Records. Tax Parcel ID# 20-040-45-930-00-016-00.

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on January 19, 2005.

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Dated: December 16, 2004

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ronald L. Trojanek and Laura Trojanek, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Encore Credit Corp., a California Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 28, 2003, and recorded on June 17, 2004 in Liber 669 on Page 149, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Nine and 34/100 Dollars (\$86,759.34), including interest at 7.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on January 19, 2005.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Debra Copenhagen aka Deborah Ann Copenhagen and Samuel Copenhagen aka Samuel Raymond Copenhagen, as conservator of Samuel Raymond Copenhagen as evidenced by the Letter of Conservatorship, wife and husband joint tenants in common, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated January 22, 2004, and recorded on January 23, 2004 in Liber 665 on Page 404, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Two Thousand Three hundred Thirty-Four And 03/100 Dollars (\$72,334.03) including interest at 6.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 a.m. on January 12, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 16, Wakeley

-30-6-13-20

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 5 and 6 Block 3, Hadleys Amended Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling Crawford County Michigan according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 01, of Plats, Page 06, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 16, 2004

For more information, please call:
FC X 248.593.1312
Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #043032F01

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FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



December 31, 1981 - Ramona Stancil, 12, daughter of Arnold and Catherine Stancil, was one of the Spirit Dancers from Louise's Dance Studio who showed their talent in several different dances performed during the Christmas Bazaar at the Grayling Mini-Mall.

23 Years Ago

December 31, 1981

Grayling Township officials are looking over a plan for a 40-foot by 115-foot building as a possible answer to their office space shortage. The new building floor plan calls for six offices, a meeting room and rest rooms. Currently, the township - which jumped in population from about 6,500 in 1970 to 9,700 in 1980 - uses three offices in the Grayling City Hall.

Seven Crawford AuSable School District kindergartners and a bus driver escaped serious injury after their bus rolled over

on its side on a sharp curve on North Down River Road. Wet roads and snowy road shoulders were named as factors in the accident which occurred December 22.

46 Years Ago

January 1, 1959

The Frederic independent cagers the Underground Forest Basketball team received their new suits of orange satin trimmed in red and black, a very pretty combination. They will be in full uniform at their next game right after New Years.

The two big Christmas trees on Michigan Avenue near the traffic light are conspicuous by their absence in this year's decorating of the town, but beautiful as they have always been, it is perhaps a good idea, considering the early and plentiful snowfall and consequent slippery street conditions the city has been experiencing, that they are not in their usual places. The strings of colored lights across the streets automatically provide holiday lift of spirits, and let the passerby know the town is putting its seasonal "best foot forward."

The Rialto this year has dressed its entrance with an enormous red candle, taller than the street lights, hung with a Christmassy green wreath.

According to word received from Don Akers of Manton, former Grayling resident, Payne's Restaurant of Manton won all

three bowling games from Grayling Restaurant at Manton on Sunday at the Manton Bowling alley. Two three game series were bowled for a steak dinner served at Payne's. Another match is to follow Grayling at a later date with the loser buying the winners steak at Grayling Restaurant.

The Girl Scouts of Grayling held their annual Christmas Party on Thursday after school at the Michelson Methodist Church.

The party included caroling through downtown Grayling, presenting a mitten tree to the Crawford County Community Services, and playing games. The girl scouts also presented a quilt made by brownie and junior troops to Mrs. Helen Martin, a member of the original Girl Scout troop formed in Georgia. Brownie troops participating were numbers 2016, 2103, 2143, 2014 and 2009. Junior troops joining in the fun were numbers 2010, 2163, 2127 and 2134.

Mrs. Ingvarsson's first grade class wrote a story about a bear and his name was Fozzie. Christa Northrop, Yolanda Rosi, Kim Ockerman, Cindy Fedewa, Jimmy Jorgenson and Dan Jurkovich wrote the story. The children made paper teddy bears to look like Fozzie. Written by Janice LaDuke and Yvette Badawi, fifth grade.

69 Years Ago

January 2, 1936

Virginia Skingley will preside over Grayling's 11th Annual winter sports carnival that is to be

held January 24, 25 and 26. Misses Evelyn and Marian Skingley entertained twenty of their young friends at a tobogganing party on Saturday night at their home down river. With the mercury registering some 22 below the happy crowd kept the toboggans busy on the big hill nearby.

92 Years Ago

January 2, 1913

The lumber camps are hollering for snow.

There was a New Year's dance at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Corwin south of the city on Tuesday.

The Langevin livery barn was purchased last Tuesday by N.P. Olson. Mr. Olson expects to use it as a garage.

The changes in our county officials on New Years day were but small in number. O. Palmer is now Prosecuting Attorney to succeed F. G. Walton, whose term expired yesterday.

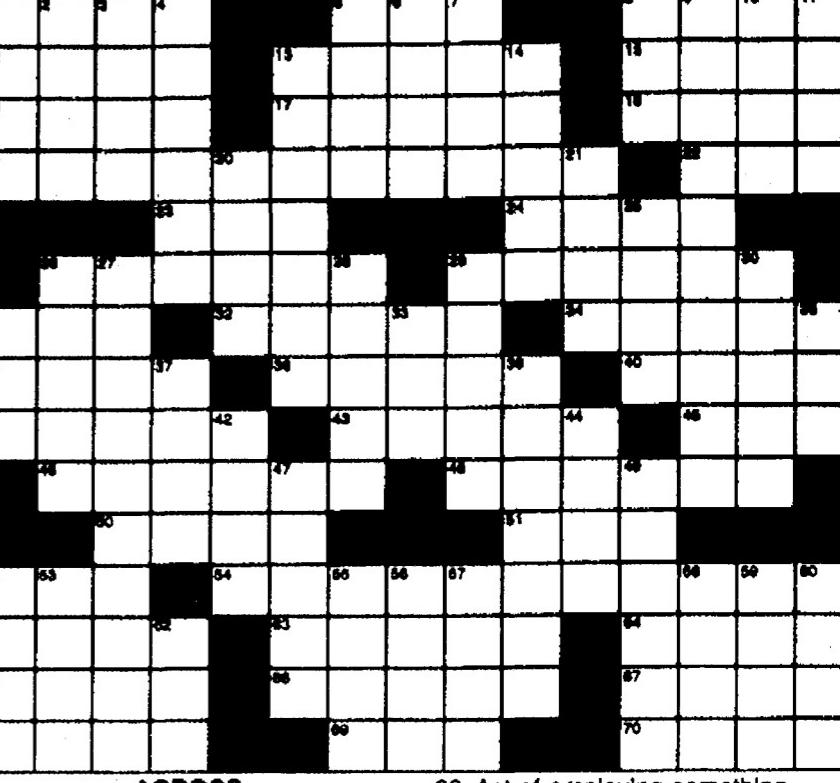
Parcel post went into effect yesterday, January 1st. Earl McMahon was the first to take advantage of the new rate in our local post office.

Albert Charron, of Maple Forest has purchased the farm known as the Patton farm, owned by Miss Laura London.

The coal famine is over with, and there is plenty of coal on hand at \$5 per ton.

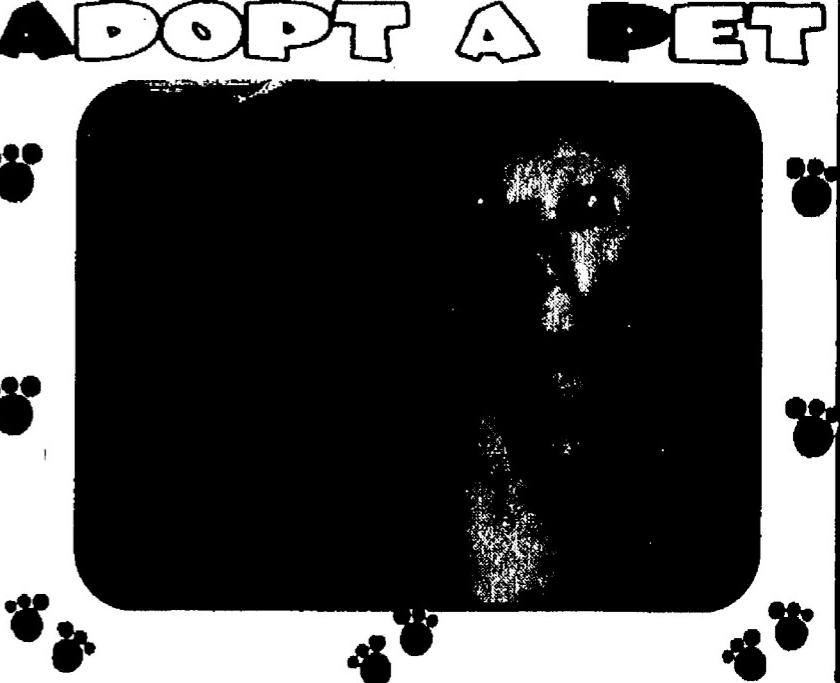
The Buton House will continue to thrive under the management of Mrs. O. Milnes, who succeeds her husband, who passed away last Friday.

CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Male head of some non-Christian religions.
 - Cracchiolo, trumpeter for the Poncho Sanchez Latin jazz band.
 - Sound of distinct pitch.
 - Having a horizontal surface.
 - Public meeting place for open discussion.
 - To travel by ox wagon.
 - To talk in a noisy, excited manner.
 - Best of a class.
 - To be alive.
 - Extremely modern in ideas.
 - Pointed tool, such as a spike, used for breaking rock.
 - Winglike structure.
 - Major General R. Chase, one of the most decorated pilots of the USAF.
 - Incendiary mixture of polystyrene, benzene and gasoline.
 - People who have committed a felony.
 - Roofing slate with one rough surface.
 - Capital of South Korea.
 - Domesticated South American ruminant mammal related to the camel.
 - Nervous.
 - To become lost.
 - Main trunk of a plant.
 - Fathers.
 - City in South Carolina.
 - Whitney, originated the idea of mass production.
 - Aid in time of danger, especially rescue from siege.
 - Desmond, character in Elfwood: The Chaos to Come.
 - To shut with force and loud noise.
 - To cease living.
 - Acronym for Program Budget System.
 - To make liberal.
 - Violent public disorder.
 - Harmonies Poetaeas/ ___, by Franz List.
 - Leslie ___, singer of "It's My Party."
 - Also called regional gumbo.
 - Analgesic ointment.
 - To whine.
 - Nuisance.
- Down**
- Country in South America.
 - Having the shape of an egg.
 - Past tense of pen.
 - To lure into a compromising statement.
 - Aline.
 - Excessively dry.
 - Stringed instrument shaped like a pear.
 - To take leave.
 - Bring into being.
 - Patterson, Eleanor Supres on TV show "V."
 - To get with great difficulty.
 - Women.
 - Haggard, singer.
 - Expression of sorrow.
 - Movie starring Jodie Foster.
 - Nickname for Tennessee Volunteers.
 - Lowest point.
 - People that commit aggression.
 - Repeated design.
 - Sweetheart.
 - To melt ores in order to separate the metallic constituents.
 - Acronym for Rochester Engineering Society.
 - Vase of varying size and shape, usually having a footed pedestal.
 - "En ___," French for "As a friend."
 - Synonym for shout.
 - Amount measured in yards.
 - Rock forming the upper layer of the earth's crust.
 - Slim, pointed piece of metal hammered into material as a fastener.
 - Rulers of Islamic countries.
 - Long high-pitched sounds made by a horse.
 - Theatrical property.
 - Shortened form of bicycle.
 - Boyfriend.
 - Right angle bends in a pipe.
 - To wrench open.
 - Abbreviation for zoology.
 - River ___ in Northern Ireland.
 - Synonym for kernel.
 - To do tatting.

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS



We think Kyle is a Brittany Spaniel mix. He is a very nice dog. He has been neutered, heartworm tested, and has all of his vaccinations. For more information on any of our pets that are up for adoption, please visit our website at: www.escc.petfinder.com

Our winter shelter hours will begin January 1. They will be 9 to 1 Monday through Sat. and 8 to 11 Sundays and Holidays.

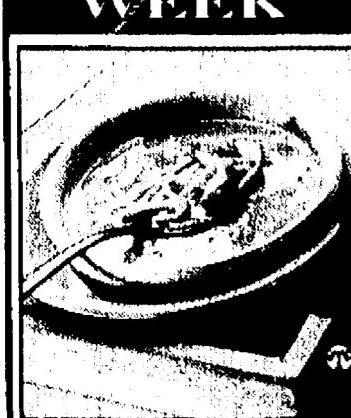
Dog Opoly and other board games (\$25) available at The Copy Shop. Calendars (\$5) and cookbooks (\$15) available at the Avalanche. All proceeds to the shelter.

Help build a new shelter by purchasing a "Driving into the Future Raffle" ticket for a chance to win a brand new 2005 Dodge Durango! Tickets are \$100.00 each and only 2,000 will be sold. Anyone who would like a ticket should send a check or money order for the amount of tickets requested to: Animal Shelter Crawford County, Raffle Tickets, P.O. Box 384, Grayling, MI 49738. Tickets are also on sale at the Avalanche, Riverland Gear, The Medicine Shoppe Chemical Bank and the shelter.

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at: 508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall

Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Sun. and Holidays 8 a.m. - 11 a.m. After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

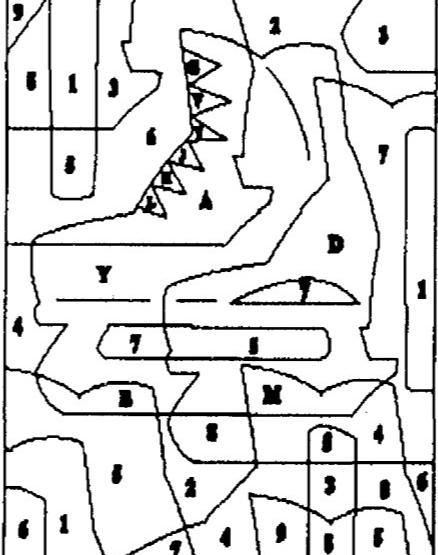


GREEN TEA CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP

8	ounces boneless, skinless chicken.	1/2	lighty mashed
1/2	Cut into 1/2-inch portion	2	cup oyster mushrooms, cubed
4	cup brewed Green Tea	1	cups celery, diced
5	cups chicken stock	2	cup carrots, diced
5	ounces thread noodles or favorite	1	cups onion, diced
pasta	(1/2-inch thick) slices ginger root,	1	tsp. parsley
2			Salt and pepper to taste

Directions: Place the chicken in a large bowl and add the green tea. Cover and refrigerate 1 hour to marinate. Cover the noodles with warm water. Soak until softened, about 10 minutes. Drain. In a large pot bring the stock, ginger, mushrooms, celery, carrots, onion

HIDDEN PICTURE



Color in each space that contains a letter.

FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



DID YOU KNOW ??

Daniel Boone detested coonskin caps.

Plans get underway for a major home improvement project. Pay attention to the details—something is amiss. An unusual proposal lands on your desk.

March 21– April 19

Your finances begin to wane. Consider investing to boost your bank account, or at the very least, cutting back on your spending.

April 20– May 18

Listen up, Taurus. You're making a mountain out of a molehill at work and your supervisor is watching. Back off and focus on the project at hand.

May 21– June 19

You realize you can do nothing more to help a troubled young friend. Bow out and encourage them to seek professional guidance.

June 22– July 22

You're about to cross paths with someone from the past. Let bygones be bygones and engage in a new relationship. A package results in a flurry of activity.

September 23– October 22

The cold weather takes its toll on your attitude. Do something fun to boost your spirits. Get together with some old friends and see a movie or go shopping.

October 23– November 21

Oh, Scorpio. It's not like you to be so disorganized and unprepared. Snap out of it or risk jeopardizing a business relationship. A letter reminds you of a social obligation.

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WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week

Date H L Sun

12/22 31 17 1

12/23 19 9 0

12/24 12 3 1

12/25 8 15 5

12/26 16 3 1

12/27 20 16 0

12/28 20 13 0

Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the Weather.com)

Temp High Low

12/29 39 24

12/30 38 18

12/31 25 14

1/1 33 24

1/2 20 17

1/3 16

ADVERTISING CLASSIFIED

Crawford County Avalanche

Classifieds must be paid for in advance
Display Advertising Rate - \$6.90 per column inch
Deadline for Display Classifieds - 12 noon, Monday
Classifieds by the word rate - \$5.00 for 15 words or less, 10¢ per each additional word; includes Internet listing: www.townnews.com/avalanche/
Classified by the word deadline - 12 noon, Tuesday

1. Real Estate

12 UNIT MOTEL with 2 bedroom house. \$280,000. Call Vince Chiaravalli, broker. 231-218-0316 or visit web site: www.bwhadvisors.com. (-23-30/1)

1. Real Estate

A ROOF OVER YOUR HEAD can always be found in the Avalanche Real Estate Classifieds 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (989) 348-6811

1. Real Estate

TWO NEW STICK BUILT homes. \$1,800 sq. ft. and 960 sq. ft. 348-4840. (-16-23-30/6/1)

1. Real Estate

NEW NEW NEW JJ's Auto Glass (a division of JJ's Motor Mall). Complete auto glass service. Deductibles waived up to \$150.00, stone chips fixed, windshield repair and replacement. Stop in for a free estimate. JJ's Auto Glass (across from Skip's) M-72 West. 348-7710. (-9/9/04TF/1)

1. Real Estate

LOW INCOME? Do you want to buy a home? If you have good credit or no credit and low income, you may qualify for a government funded home loan with payments adjusted to your income. Call Connie at 989-390-2888 or 989-348-6579. *(For example: yearly income for a family of 4 \$39,100 or less.) (-1R2/10/05/1)

1. Real Estate

HUNTERS RECREATION property, two plus acres. Reduced \$15,000, buy now \$13,900. County road frontage, AuSable, 2 minutes east of Grayling, by owner. 989-348-7355. (-11/25/04TF/1)

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231-933-4700
1-800-794-34401111 E. Eighth St.
Traverse City, MI
49686

1. Real Estate

Connie L. Winans
Deeded easement to the Manistee River! This home is located in a nice neighborhood offering an access site to drop your canoe, fly fish or swim. Featuring full basement, large enclosed deck & 2 car garage. MOTIVATED SELLER! #5411 \$77,500

Century 21
River Country Real Estate • 5688 West M-72 • 2375 S. Business Lane (989) 348-5474

2. For Rent**Building Rental**

Retail or office space downtown approximately 1,800 sq. ft. Available January 2005. For more information call Linda at

989-348-6811

1. Real Estate

This home has great curb appeal. Exceptional four bedroom home with two and 1/2 baths and a total of 2,358 s/f of custom living space. Located on the Fox Run golf course this home features an attached garage and 20x36 detached garage for additional storage. #5363 \$299,000

#5273.

River Country Real Estate

5688 West M-72 (989) 578-1102



4 Bedroom home on 10 acres. Large two story 'A' frame home with floor to ceiling windows looking out on a beautiful wooded setting. Big detached garage and pole barn for all the toys. Private and secluded just five miles east of Grayling. \$189,000

#5273.

Jerry Gosnell
Associate Broker**2. For Rent**

TWO BEDROOM house, range refrigerator included, one car attached garage, no pets. \$425/mo plus \$425 security. Tenants pay utilities. 6186 M72 west, one mile west of Grayling. 348-4716. (12/30/04TF/2)

2. For Rent**FOR RENT**
Grayling Housing Commission

Is taking applications for a (1) bedroom apartment. Base Rent is based on 30% of Adjusted Income Maximum Ceiling Rents

1 Bedroom.....\$400
Rent Includes Utilities

308 Lawndale Drive
989-348-9314

RE/MAX OF Grayling

CHARLENE SCHEER

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Full Service Appraiser

EACH OFFICE INDEPENDENTLY OWNED & OPERATED



Above the Crowd!



1,500'-FT FRONTAGE ON THE USABLE RIVER
This exceptional 18-acre has 1,500-ft on the bank of the famous AuSable River, mainstream where the swift gravel bottom is ideal for trout fishing. The park-like resort property backs up to State Land, is very private, & includes a permeable log bunkhouse w/ fireplace. This 12-log home features 1,428 sq. ft. 3 BR, 1 1/2 BA, cathedral ceiling, large center fireplace w/ Wisconsin stone wood stove, a bay window. 10x16 kitchen & laundry room, 9x12 3-season porch, appliances, & includes some furnishings. CH-2050 \$446,000



QUIET 2.8 ACRES WITH COUNTRY SETTING! Very private 2.8 acre! This newly remodeled 1,428 sq. ft. 3 BR, 2BA home features full partially-furnished basement, wood floors in kitchen and dining room, 3 ceiling fans. Trails right out your front door! This 3 BR cabin offers newer steel roofs, vinyl replacement windows, A/C, 2 garages, appliances & immediate occupancy. CH-2054 \$59,900



8 ACRES-RATTLESNAKE CREEK FLOWING THROUGH 5 acres across from state land! Perfect recreational site. Frontage on both sides of Rattlesnake Creek (tributary to Manistee River). Only 97 to Manistee River over state land. Trails right out your front door! This 3 BR cabin offers newer steel roofs, vinyl replacement windows, A/C, 2 garages, appliances & immediate occupancy. CH-2054 \$77,500



SPECTACULAR VIEW OF THE FAMOUS AUSSABLE RIVER. Handymen special site 50' from the river edge with pictureque setting offering 2.5 acres. Cathedral ceiling in family room with 2 skylights. Brick fireplace. Detached garage with extra slab for addition and vinyl shed. Cement patio with stone design into entrance of cottage. CH-2072 \$159,900

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Price Reduction

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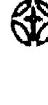
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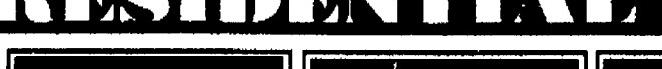
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Applicant should have as a minimum, three years of administrative support experience where use of a personal computer to prepare correspondence, reports, or to enter/retrieve/update information was an essential part of the work. Two years of professional experience in carrying out or auditing the systematic classification and evaluation of accounting data and the preparation of related financial and managerial reports.

Equivalent combinations of education and experience that provide the required knowledge, skills, and abilities will be evaluated on an individual basis.

Employment application and Resumes will be accepted until 3:30 p.m. January 7, 2005 at the Road Commission office @ 500 Huron Street, Grayling, Michigan. Resumes can be mailed to the attention of the Managing Director at the address below.

Crawford County Road Commission
500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648
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Applications and job descriptions may be obtained at the above address. The Crawford County Road Commission is an equal opportunity employer.

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8. Miscellaneous

RUBBER STAMPING TECHNIQUE class. Monday, January 3 6pm. at Laura's Scrapbooking Nook. \$10/class. (-30/8)

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